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**NEW NAVAL  
PROBLEMS**

**DIFFICULTIES  
AHEAD**

Prospects For Coming  
Conference

**AGREEMENT NECESSARY**

London, To-day.  
If no new agreement is reached before the London and Washington Treaties expire at the end of 1936, the world will be exposed afresh to the danger of unrestricted competition in naval armaments, with all its calamitous effects on national budgets and international relations, says *The Times*, and continues that recent political developments have not made the task any easier.

The unfortunate tension in the Far East and the Mediterranean may make all the Powers reluctant for different reasons, to accept restrictions upon their naval programmes.

**JAPAN'S OPPOSITION**  
With all the obstacles in the way of agreement upon quantitative limitation attention has turned more insistently towards a qualitative method of limitation. Japan, however, holds that without quantitative limitation in the form of a common upper limit she cannot accept any measure of qualitative restriction, even if this initial difficulty is overcome.

A further difficulty arises in agreeing upon the limits to be adopted. The British views have not been changed since the 1932 declaration, that Britain not only desires that the number of ships should be limited, but also that the tonnage and size of guns allowed for the ships of the principal classes should be reduced to figures far below the existing maximum limits.

**NAVAL PARLEYS  
IN LONDON**

**OPENING SESSION  
TO-DAY**

**DELEGATES COURTESY CALLS  
ON LORD MONSELL**

London, To-day.  
The French, Italian and American delegations to the Naval Conference paid courtesy calls on Lord Monsell at the Admiralty yesterday. No new features have emerged from the conversations, and it is understood that the American position has not materially changed since the last conference. The Americans do not anticipate making any new proposals but rely on Britain, as hosts of the conference, to take the initiative.

Twelve members of each delegation will attend to-day's session, and thereafter only seven members will attend the meetings. There will be no afternoon meeting to-day, but the conference will meet to-morrow to discuss procedure and agenda.



Reliable reports indicate that the Cuban secret police have foiled a second plot to assassinate Jefferson Caffery (above), American Ambassador to Cuba, in the arrest of Cesar Villar, leader of the Confederation of Labour.

**JAPANESE TROOPS  
NEAR PEIPING**

**SPECULATION RIFE  
IN NORTH**

**GENERAL HO AT TANGSHAN  
HOT SPRINGS**

Peiping, To-day.  
General Ho Ying-chin yesterday went to Tangshan Hot Springs, a few miles north of Peiping. He stated that he needs a rest and may remain for one or two days. Mr. Hsu Yung-chang, Chairman of the Shansi Government, arrived last night and is seeing General Ho Ying-chin to-day.

Five further names suggested for new Council members are those of Pao Wen-yueh, the North-eastern General, Vice-Chairman to General Ho Ying-chin on the Peiping Military Council; Hu Yun-kun, North-eastern General; Mok Teh-hui, who negotiated the Manchurian settlement of 1929; Chin Yun-ping, former Premier of the Peiping Government; and Wu Peifu.

**TROOP MOVEMENT**  
Peiping: The arrival of Japanese troops at Tungchow, 15 miles from Peiping, is causing considerable speculation. According to reliable Chinese reports 100 infantry arrived at Tungchow from Kupeikow yesterday and quartered themselves at a school. They stated that they intended to remain indefinitely.

Some 200 Japanese cavalry arrived at Miyun, north-east of Peiping, yesterday, and they are also going to Tungchow.

**"COMOTE" MEMBERS  
ARRESTED**

**Ideas "Contrary To The  
Japanese Constitution"**

Thirty members of the Comote, a Japanese religious sect, have been arrested as a sequel to raids by the police on the headquarters of the sect in Tokyo and Kyoto, according to the Nengo news agency. At the arrests proofs were discovered that the sect is spreading ideas "contrary to the Japanese constitution."

The Comote advocates the amalgamation of Christianity, Buddhism and Shintoism, and has about 3,000,000 members.

**AIR RAID ON  
DESSIE**

**SECOND ATTACK  
LAUNCHED**

Italian Letter Dropped  
By Planes.

**ABYSSINIANS AROUSED**

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.  
A second air attack on Dessie on Saturday is confirmed by a message from a German news agency's correspondent at Asmara, who states, however, that according to the Italians, the second expedition to Dessie was more in the nature of a reconnaissance flight, though bombing planes attacked a large body of Abyssinian troops near the city, the pilots declaring that they inflicted heavy losses.

Observers also report having counted about 70 red cross flags, and that the town itself was occupied by troops.

The first bombardment of Dessie was carried out, it is declared by the Italian headquarters, because from reliable reports it was known that the Negus was there with an army of 100,000 men. The Emperor, it is stated, escaped death by a miracle, half the palace having been wrecked by bombs.

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**CHIANG VIRTUAL  
DICTATOR**

Powers Granted By  
North Congress

**"UNITY AND CO-OPERATION"**

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

While Canton's opinion regarding the new appointments in Nanking is withheld until the return of Mr. Chou Lou, the leading South-west representative, political observers here are unanimous in their view to-day that General Chiang Kai-shek has emerged from the C.E.C. first plenary session and the Kuomintang Congress with flying colours.

Besides holding military power, he is the President of the Executive Yuan, thus reviving his position in 1930. This position is the most important for, although the Executive Yuan is subordinate to the Political Council and the Central Executive Committee, the Yuan is in charge of all administrative power, including finance and foreign affairs.

General Chiang is also the Vice-President of the Political Council and of the Central Executive Committee. The President, the President being Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Mr. Hu Han-min respectively. Mr. Wang is too sick to resume political life, while it is uncertain when Mr. Hu will be in Nanking. In the meantime, these two departments will be presided over by General Chiang, who therefore becomes a virtual dictator, with the approval of the Kuomintang.

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Ras Haile Selassie Girma, who deserted Ethiopia to fight with the Italian invaders, is pictured inspecting his newly-arrived troops at Adigrat. Ras Girma received permission to enter Makalle, his native city, with the first Italian forces, hoping to save his mother and other relatives from being taken as hostages by the fleeing Ethiopian defenders, but he was too late.

**THE FRANCO-BRITISH  
PEACE PLAN**

**CONCESSIONS TO ITALY**

Paris, To-day.  
The Franco-British peace plan goes much further towards meeting Italy than any devised hitherto, according to a well-informed French source. The whole of Tigre would be given to Italy, with the exception of Aksum, and also the Ogaden and Danakil country. Moreover, Italy would receive sufficient land for colonisation to accommodate 1,500,000 colonists.

It is understood that Sir Samuel Hoare agreed that this territory should be limited in the north by the 8th degree of Latitude, on the west by the 36th degree of Longitude, and on the south by the frontiers of Kenya and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. This is stated to be double the territory to which the British originally agreed.

**THE BOMBINGS  
OF DESSIE**

**VIGOROUS PROTEST  
BY DOCTORS**

**"INHUMAN ACT" STIGMATISED**

Addis Ababa, To-day.

There is intense indignation in Abyssinia at the Italian bombings of Dessie. The Ethiopian Government denies the Italian statement that the town itself is the centre of troop concentrations and military preparations, and declares that there are no soldiers at present in the town, only one policeman and one anti-aircraft gun.

Beyond saying that not much damage was done, the statement gives no details of Saturday's second bombardment by five Brescia planes.

Before leaving in the direction of Asmara one of the raiders dropped a pamphlet, reading: "Long Live Italy, the Duce and the King! With our tricolour flag we are carrying the badge of the victor and the sign of civilising Rome. Salute the Negus for us and ask him if he has digested these biscuits."

Seven Red Cross doctors at Dessie have signed a protest, declaring that in the hospital enclosure Red Cross emblems were numerous, and in their places, if added, "We protest and stigmatise this inhuman act before the opinion of the whole civilised world. We declare that over 40 bombs were thrown in the Red Cross enclosure, killing and wounding several tens of victims at Dessie."

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**PARIS TALKS PROVE  
SATISFACTORY**

**STATEMENT ISSUED BY  
M. LAVAL**

**MUSSOLINI ASKED TO DECLARE  
DEMANDS AND INTENTIONS**

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Despite the little cause for optimism provided by Signor Mussolini's Chamber speech the general opinion reflected in the Paris press after the first day's conversations between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval is that the prospects for the Franco-British proposals leading to the opening of negotiations are not altogether unfavourable.

The papers point out that although the Duce did not make the hoped for conciliatory gesture, neither did he definitely refuse to consider the new proposals.

The *Petit Parisien* hopes that Signor Mussolini will accept the Franco-British proposals as a basis for negotiations, thus enabling the intended oil embargo to be once more postponed, and in justification of its optimism claims authority for stating that Signor Mussolini informed M. Laval on Saturday evening through the Italian Ambassador that he was willing to negotiate on the proposals to be submitted to him.

The journals *Excelsior* and *Figure* write in similar vein, though the latter paper criticises the negative nature of the Duce's speech, adding, however, that it must be taken into consideration that it was delivered to the Fascist Deputies, which explained the very one-sided account of the situation which Signor Mussolini gave.

The optimism of the other papers is not shared by the *Foreign Editor of l'Ouvrier*, who declares that the Duce's speech has produced not only disappointment but bitterness in political circles here. Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval, stated the paper, would request Signor Mussolini to send Baron Aloisi to Paris, should he accept the proposals as a basis for negotiations. Both the Ministers, moreover, resolved that in any case the Committee of Eighteen shall meet on December 12, but that the oil embargo shall not come into force before January 1, or be further postponed should satisfactory proposals be received from Italy in the meantime.

In authoritative quarters, however, concludes the paper, little belief is held that the new Franco-British proposals will fare better than their predecessors.

**"FRIENDS OF HUMANITY"**  
Rome: After the distribution of prizes to the participants in the "corn campaign," Signor Mussolini gave a speech in which he demanded that the corn campaign be fought with all the means at the country's disposal and in a spirit of the greatest confidence. "We have, and shall have, an exceptional harvest. That is the only way to prevent the friends of humanity in Geneva from finding the courage to impose bread sanctions. The unity in our ranks is the pledge of our final victory," he said.

**SOME PROGRESS MADE**  
Paris: Some progress towards the peaceful settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict appears to have been made in the course of yesterday, as a result of the discussions between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval and their respective collaborators, which lasted, with a short intermission, throughout the day until 6.30 pm.

After the conclusion of the conversations M. Laval issued the following statement: "Inspired by the same desire for conciliation and by the spirit of Franco-British friendship, we have in the course of our long conversations yesterday and to-day sought a formula which might serve for a peaceful settlement."

**SABOTAGE AT  
DEVONPORT**

**DELIBERATE SHORT  
CIRCUIT CAUSED**

**SUBMARINE EQUIPMENT ALSO  
TAMPERED WITH**

London, To-day.

Most disturbing incidents at Devonport Dockyard are understood to be engaging the attention of Admiralty officials and Scotland Yard.

Several hundred pounds worth of damage was done to the battleship Royal Oak, re-fitting at Devonport, when a "failure in the electric system caused a short circuit, which was undetectable after three days' search. At last it was revealed that a sailing, eight inches in diameter, had pierced a two-inch cable connecting the control tower of the battleship with the dockyard power station, the head of the pin being sawn off and the lead cover of the cable replaced.

Trouble in the big submarine Oberon, also electrical, was discovered during a sea test after repairs. A commutator had been tampered with.

Both cases are believed to be acts of sabotage.—*Reuter*.

solution of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

There can be no question of publishing this formula at the present juncture. The British Government has not yet been officially informed and only when it gives its consent will it be possible to submit the formula for approval by the interested Powers as well as the League of Nations.

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**Conversations With  
The Reich**

**COMMON FRANCO-BRITISH  
STAND AGREED TO**

Paris, To-day.

Franco-British relations with Germany were also discussed at Saturday's meeting between Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval, and a common stand in future conversations with the Reich was agreed upon. It is expected that day and to-day sought a formula which might serve for a peaceful settlement.



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Pres. Wilson Dec. 10  
General Lee Dec. 13  
Pres. McKinley Dec. 13

## FOR AUSTRALIA

Dec. 10

## FOR JAPAN

Tatsumi Maru Dec. 10  
Emp. of Russia Dec. 12  
Pres. Doumer Dec. 17  
Rakuyo Maru Dec. 17

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## The Best Woman Beggar

## "Little Grandmother" Of Y.W.C.A.

## Large Gathering In London

Girls from 56 countries—dressed in national costume—are to present purses to the Queen at the 80th birthday party of the Y.W.C.A. (the Young Women's Christian Association) to be held in London shortly.

Among those representing China in the audience will be Miss Koo, daughter of the famous Chinese diplomat Mr. Wellington Koo.

The most curious dress will be worn by a Filipino from Manila. Miss Flora A. Ylagan. It will be of painted grass and pineapple fibre dyed purple and ornamented with rainbow-coloured flowers.

The Argentinian will carry the traditional poncho, or blanket, coated, while the Latvian girl will wear a dozen stiffened petticoats, a gaily-dyed frock and a traditional jewelled headress.

Next to the Queen, the most honoured guest at the party will be the veteran Hon. Emily Kinaird, the "little grandmother" of the Y.W.C.A. She and the Association will celebrate their 80th birthdays together.

"It is sixty years since she first began to interest herself in the Association, of which her mother, the late Lady Kinaird, was co-founder with Miss Emma Roberts.

"In those times women were most uninteresting," she said. "I'm afraid that for a while I much preferred working among the navvies, for whom we ran a sort of club at my father's house."

"You see women had no interests then, except marriage, and even then they had to marry the man who was chosen for them."

"But that's all changed now. Women have plenty of other interests beside marriage, and they choose for themselves."

"I, for one, hope that it won't be long before women propose as well as men!"

"I have a great admiration for the modern girl, and I think women have become so interesting that I prefer to work with them now, rather than with men."

Couldn't Sign Letters

Miss Kinaird has a fund of stories about difficulties under which her mother worked in the 1850's.

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## FURS RULE THE DAY

## Persian Lamb Popular

A word about furs. Persian Lamb seems to rule the day. What else encourages the Polish Hungarian drummer major allure so convincingly? Silver foxes run loose for formal clothes, and, of course, mink and ermine are still in the picture for night time, glamour.

Coming to evening dresses there is something we must all face. Evening gowns are beautiful, but a little difficult to wear. Briefly there are three types. The draped and swathed (Vioncets) or the side draped; those skin-tight sheaths shirred at centre, back or sides, (Patou); and third (and easiest to wear) floating drapery.

Not many dresses trial on the floor; some skirts just cover the instep, others are scooped up in front, a great majority are slit and uneven. Here again, a combination of bright-colours is rampant. The plain shades are generally deep violets, bright cerise, fuchsias, some pale pastel blues and pinks, and, of course, black.

## A CLEAN COLLAR

The collar of a waterproof often becomes soiled and greasy before the rest of the coat shows any sign of wear. The mark may be successfully treated with eucalypt oil applied with a soft clean cloth, but the coat must then be well aired to remove the smell of the oil. If the cleaning has to be done at short notice it is more convenient to use warm dry salt. This should be sprinkled freely over the mark, rubbed well in with a piece of clean white flannel, and then brushed off. The advantage of this treatment is, that it leaves no smell and is perfectly safe.

## FASHION NUGGETS

Evening dress calls for hair ornaments; not only feathers, ribbons, and jewels, but little net, lace, and beaded caps of Renaissance flavour. Coarse hair nets are worn in the daytime under hats, according to some fashion announcements. Although it is at the moment an extreme style, which will not be adopted at once by women generally, it has much good sense to recommend it. The net controls wayward locks and yet by the audacity of its

vigorous mesh lays claim to being itself a decoration, not merely a contribution to neatness.

Among the salient style points of the season are shorter, fuller skirts, including the skirt portion of coats; drapery and shirring on frocks; full sleeves, some with slashes and embroidery; and an enormous amount of Persian lamb.

White pique, which played such a part last summer in dainty

## CLEANING LAMP SHADES

## Dry Cleaning With Petrol

Removable glass reading-lamp shades should be quickly dipped in warm water and soap flakes, then put into another bowl containing warm water and a little borax. Dry at once with a linen cloth and polish with a dry wash-leather. Alabaster shades can be renovated by cleaning occasionally with a paste made of whitening and methylated spirits. The paste should be rubbed on with a piece of rag, then polished off thoroughly with a soft cloth. Spirits of turpentine and powdered pumice-stone will remove bad stains, but this treatment should only be used when essential, as it is rather drastic. At other times these shades should be washed with borax and water, and polished with a rag dipped in plaster of Paris.

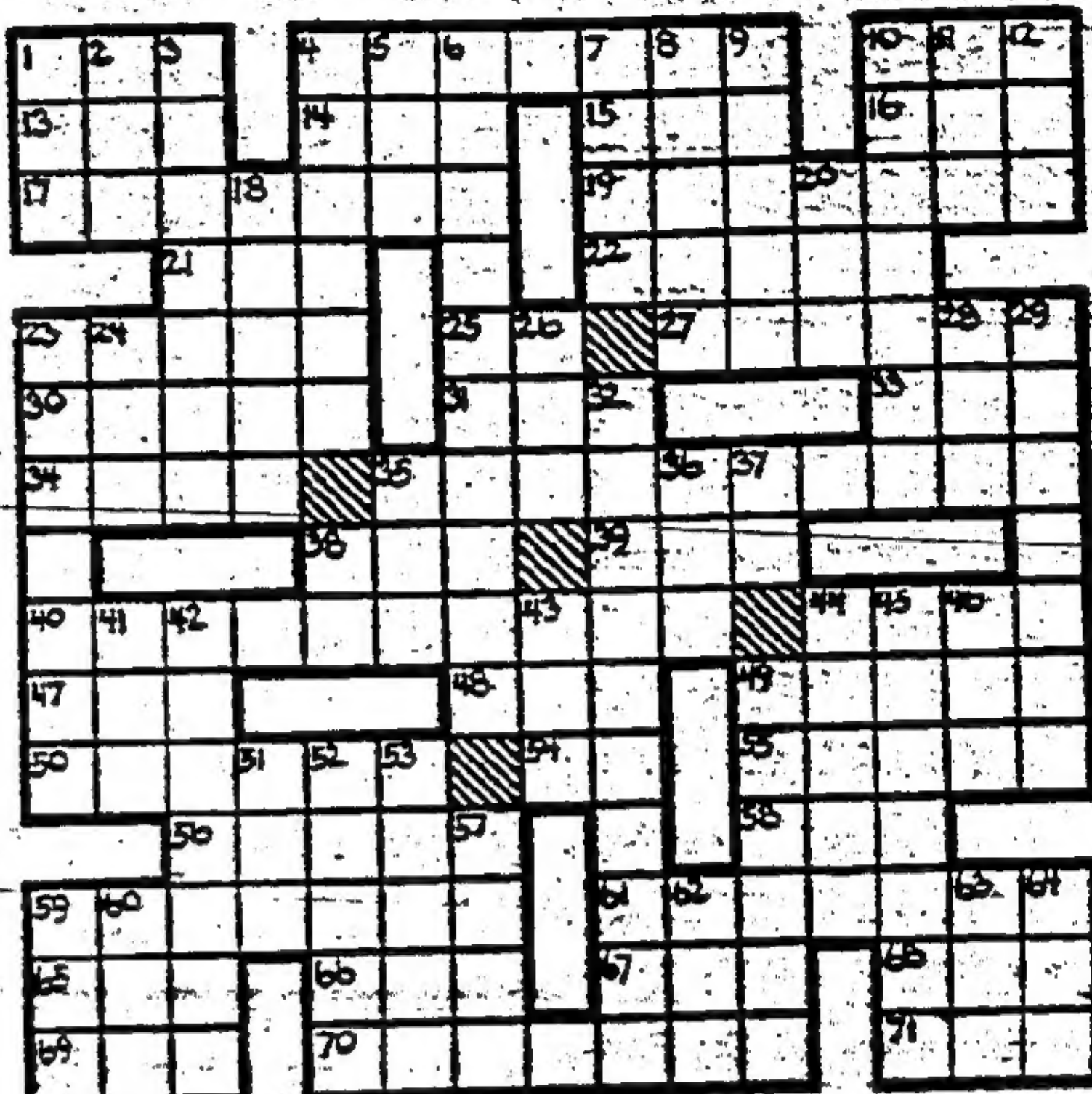
Soapy Lather  
Silk shades should be dipped in a mild, soapy lather and worked up and down until clean. Rinse in cold water and hang out to dry. They should be perfectly dry before being used again. Artificial silk is best dry-cleaned with petrol. Dip small pieces of rag into the petrol, rub the shade well, and discard each piece as it gets dirty. This should be done in the open air, and the shade left for some hours before it is used. Parchment and imitation parchment should be cleaned with gum rubber, or else rubbed all over with pieces of cotton wool dipped in fine castrol.

lingerie touches at throat and wrist, has now yielded its role to ermine, which is fashioned into collars, cuffs, gilets, jabots and plastrons.

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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## HORIZONTAL

1-Strike  
4-Rows gently  
10-Kitchen utensil  
13-A compass point (abbr.)  
14-Mary's name  
15-Superlative suffix  
16-Epoca  
17-Is indignant  
19-Ocean vessel  
21-Cure hides  
22-Earth (Fr.)  
23-Ascend  
25-Musical note  
27-Checked  
28-Put in accord with  
31-A tree  
33-Piglet  
34-Inches  
35-Measurements  
38-A title  
39-Purpose  
40-Act of getting into words  
44-Stemish  
47-Ever (contr.)  
49-Science (abbr.)  
49-Squirt  
50-Showered  
51-Trade mark (abbr.)  
53-Dime

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

55-Combining form  
58-Old  
59-Rabbits  
61-Those who cure hides  
65-A beverage  
66-Snare  
67-A wild animal  
68-King (Fr.)  
69-Innate  
70-Clothes  
71-Series

## VERTICAL

1-Pronoun  
2-Feminine suffix  
3-Examining  
4-Written  
5-High (Mon.)  
6-Denies  
7-For fear that  
8-The natural fat  
9-Cubit unit of metric measure  
10-Souvenir  
11-Crude metal  
12-Privy  
12-Retrieve  
20-A State of United States (abbr.)  
23-Workshop (Fr.)

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

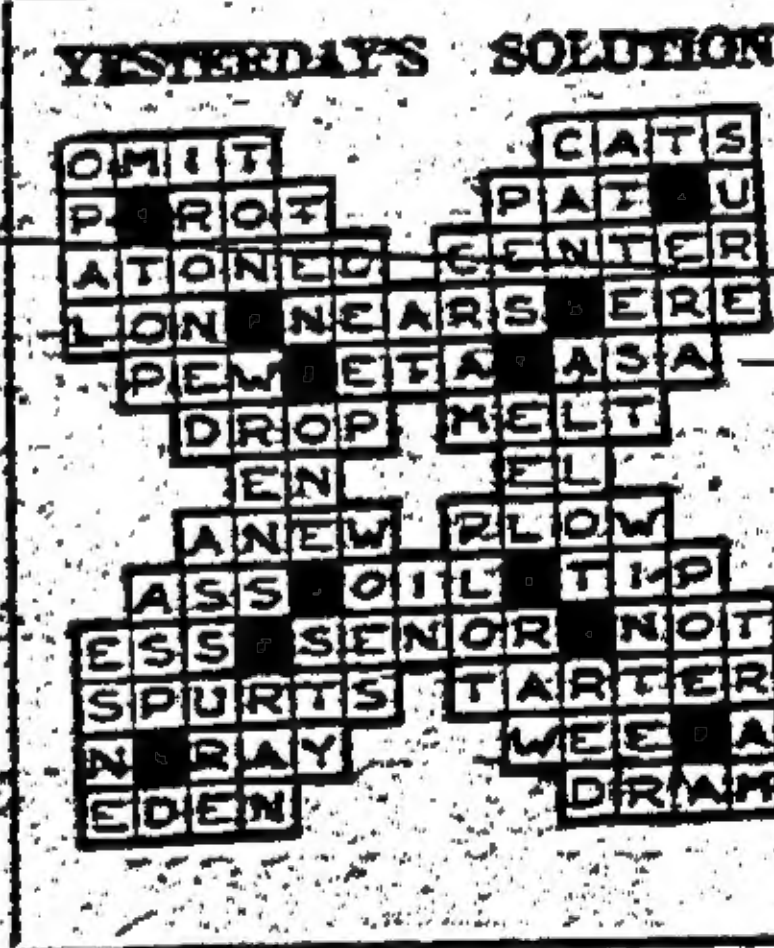
24-Door opening  
25-Direct  
26-Embassy  
29-Foxes  
32-Revives  
35-Expire  
36-Insect egg  
37-State militia (abbr.)  
38-A thoroughfare (abbr.)  
41-National Education Association (abbr.)  
42-Dropped  
43-Combining form  
44-European country  
45-Those who sort  
46-Metric land measure  
48-Slope the water in  
49-Selling  
51-W (back)  
52-African antelope  
53-Restrain from  
57-Combining form  
58-Burn  
59-Note in Guido's scale  
62-A beverage  
63-Fish eggs  
64-Rest

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

## THE URGE FOR A CAPE

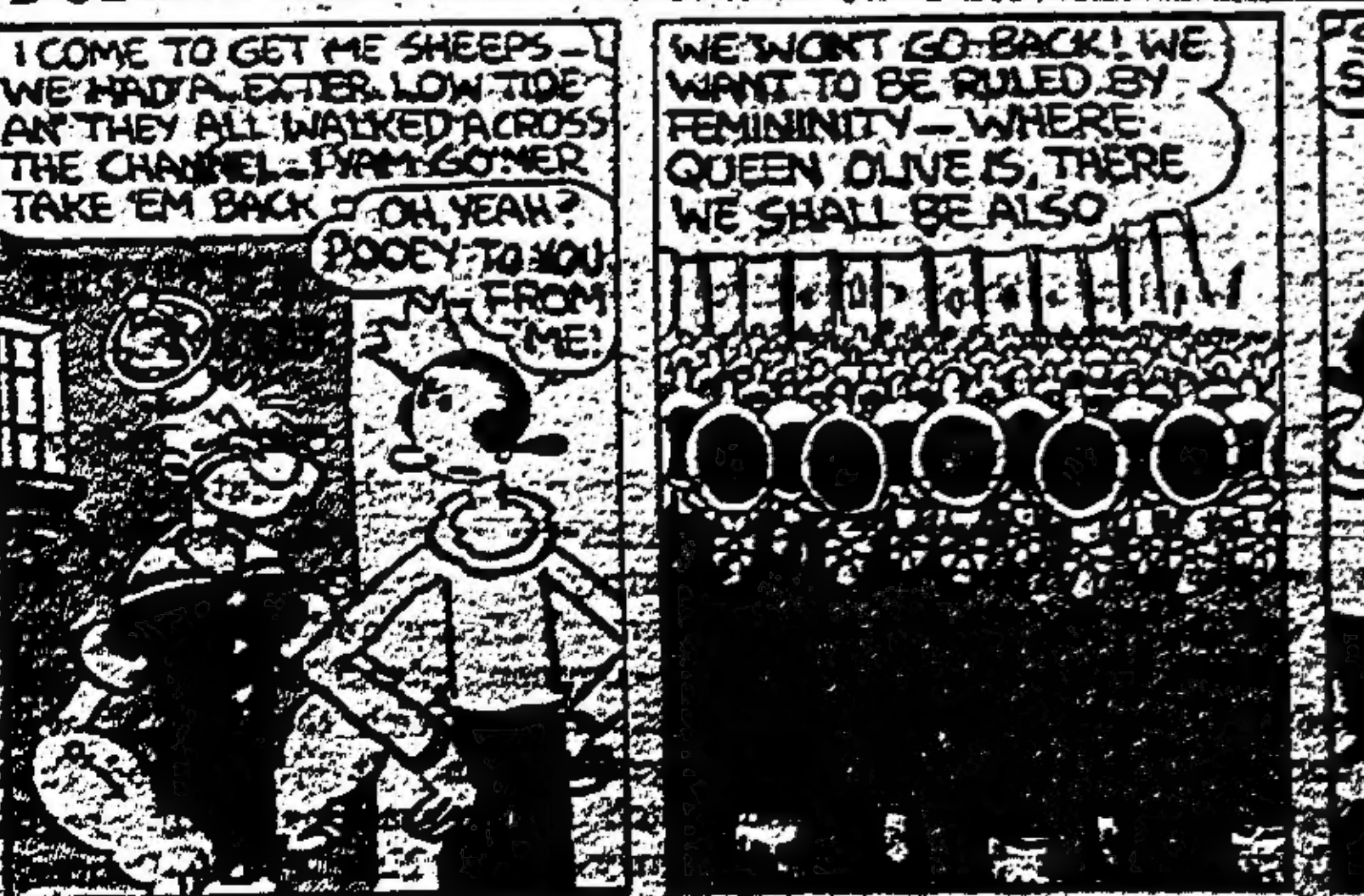
## Cloaking For Evening Wear

Girlish sweetness is emphasized in the dainty turquoise silk gown in pastel blue shot with silver thread which Miss "Bandy" Tittman wears. The name "too" is sweet—"Chanson Printemps" or "Spring Song." There is a little skull cap made of dainty cherry blossoms which goes with it. This is worn very prettily right on the back of the back of the head. Miss Tittman's pale blonde colouring goes very well with the delicate shade of blue. Girlish simplicity again in a dark blue taffeta gown striped with silver worn by Gabrielle



Letargic. It is cut-on Princess lines and looks very demure. It is called "Amour Amour." The urge for a cape is unquenchable. Though capes do most of the cloaking for evening wear, coats with important sleeves and materials are conspicuous exceptions.

## POPEYE—"The Pied-Piper of Spinachova."



## To-morrow—"He Asked For It!"

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ITALIANS MAKE FOR  
SOUTH AFRICA

**INCREASE NOTED**  
**AUTHORITIES ATTACH NO SIGNIFICANCE**  
**NUMBERS ARE STILL SMALL**  
**ONE LESS RETURNS HOME**

Johannesburg.

There has been an increase in the number of Italians who are emigrating from their country to South Africa. The latest statistics show that the figure for the first half of last year has been exceeded during the first half of this year by over 60 per cent.

It is doubtful whether any particular significance can be attached to this, since the volume of emigration from Italy to the Union is comparatively small.

Official figures supplied in Pretoria show that during the six months, January to June, 1934, 49 Italian immigrants entered the Union. During the corresponding half year in 1935 this figure advanced to 79.

The reverse movement shows a contrary tendency. Whereas 13 persons left the Union to settle in Italy during the first half of 1934, only 12 left during the first half of 1935.—Reuter.

IMMUNITY AFTER  
SNAKE BITE

Man's Miraculous Recovery

OTHERS MAY NOW BE SAVED

Tashkent, Russian Turkestan. The serum taken from the blood of a man who was bitten by an carinata (a small, but deadly type of poison snake) and who, by a miracle, recovered, may now save the lives of many others.

It is the only known radical remedy against the bite of this reptile.

In addition, he will, for the rest of his life, be immune from such bites himself.

A scientific worker named Pestinsky was conducting experiments some time ago with one of these snakes at the Uzbek zoological gardens when he was bitten in the thigh.

Violent illness.

His temperature fell to subnormal and his pulse rose to 126. Vomiting and other physical signs seemed to indicate that he was doomed.

Finally, after the most careful nursing and a blood transfusion, he surprised everyone by recovering. Now, he is able to work with these snakes as much as he likes. They hold no danger for him.

The recovery is believed to be due to the fact that just before the man was bitten he had quenched most of the poison out of the snake's fangs.—Reuter.

42 PICTURES  
IN SPACE OF  
ONE STAMP

Ordinary Labourer's Achievement.

TOOK FIVE NIGHTS TO COMPLETE

Melbourne, Victoria.

Working with a three-year-old penny paintbrush, under the light of a kerosene lamp, Mr. O. T. S. Webb, of Eltham North has executed paintings so tiny that 42 different views just cover the size of an ordinary Jubilee stamp.

Yet Mr. Webb is not a painter, he does pick and shovel work at Eltham.

He has never had a day's tuition at painting yet has done oils on bark and leaves. Ever since he was at school, he said, painting has been his hobby.

"I read recently of a painter in Kettering, England, who did 30 different views," he explained. "So I thought I would try, too. So as soon as the day's work was finished I would have a quick tea, get the washing-up done, and then settle down to the painting. It took five nights.

"The brush had one straight hair, and I used that for the very thin lines."

No Magnifying Glass.

Mr. Webb said he did not use a magnifying glass when painting, but later looked through one to see if any details were lacking.

Every one of the 42 miniatures is done in its proper colour, and the sea scene scenes lack very little detail from a large painting, even the white waves being thrown out on a blue sea.

The landscapes are also well executed.—Reuter.

CHILE OPENS ARMS  
ENQUIRY

Order Amounting To \$12,000,000

Santiago.

Armament contracts amounting to \$12,000,000 placed in Great Britain and on the continent between 1927 and 1931, when General Carlos Ibanez was President, are being subjected to investigation by a commission here, at the request of the Chamber of Deputies.

It is stated that the sum mentioned is "absolutely correct." The admission has created a profound impression, since almost all the money supplied for this expenditure on armaments was derived from American loans.

The Chamber has decided that no publicity shall be given to the evidence supplied in the course of the inquiries or until a final report is issued by the Commission.

The reason for this is declared to be the "unavoidable result" obtained by the Nye Commission in the United States when evidence reflecting on Chilean officials was given.

The Government then retaliated by banning American dealers for armament contracts.—Reuter.

## Amusements

## Cinema Notes

"DONNIE SCOTLAND"—KING'S AND ALHAMBRA THEATRES

The team of Laurel and Hardy, deservedly a necessary institution in the entertainment world, tops any past performance with their "re-union" feature comedy, "Donnie Scotland," showing at the King's and Alhambra Theatres today.

A deluge of protesting mail poured in on the producer, Hal Roach, when it became known that Laurel and Hardy planned to part several months ago.

In their current production, pompous Oliver McHardy accompanies his meek friend, Stanley McLaurel, to Scotland to claim his share of the magnificent estate of a deceased uncle. To their chagrin and discomfort, the uncle has bequeathed to Stan only some valueless heirlooms. The bulk of the estate has been willed to Lorna McLaurel, the deceased relative's grand-daughter, played by June Lang.

The love of Lorna and Alan Douglas, a struggling young barrister, portrayed by William Janney, provides a romantic thread throughout the picture, from a hilarious mix-up, the air of fun-makers emerge to add themselves enlisted in a Highland Regiment and assigned to India. Attired in kilts, the two comedians go through hazardous and breathless experiences as "laddies from hell." The result is a picture packed with well-timed laughs.

## "BRIGHT LIGHTS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Joe E. Brown, whose mouth is certainly his fortune, has the most ambitious role of his career in "Bright Lights" the present attraction at the Queen's Theatre. This film has everything. It is a first class musical and, at the same time it will provide you with more laughs than you have enjoyed for a long time. Naturally Joe E. is the comedian, but there are acrobats and adagio dancers, and a beautiful chorus of a 100 girls.

For the first time you will have the pleasure of hearing Joe sing—and watch him dance. Among those present are beautiful Ann Dvorak (in a singing role), William Gargan, Patricia Ellis, Joe Cavert and The Five Maxwells.

## "CAR 99"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

How modern police forces use radio in trailing and tracking down criminals is strikingly illustrated in Paramount's "Car 99," with Fred MacMurray, Sir Guy Standing and Ann Sheridan heading the cast.

The picture, based on the popular short stories of Karl Detmar, which recently appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post*, goes behind the scene of activities with the Michigan State Police, most famous of the motorized crime forces. It shows how a small body of trained men can efficiently patrol an entire state with the help of radio communication.

## "MURDER IN THE FLEET"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A murder is committed while a giant battleship is being inspected, with the result that all are suspect and are not permitted to go ashore.

The plot is complicated by the fact that a newly invented firing apparatus has to be installed in the ship in time for her to sail on schedule.

The apparatus is a closely guarded secret and it is the men who are fitting it up who come into the murderer's spotlight.

The talented cast includes Kent Taylor as a dashing young lieutenant, Jean Parker as his bride-to-be, Walker Byron, as the commander of the battleship, Donald Cook, Ted Healy, Nat Pendleton and Una Merkel.

## "THE CRUSADES"—STAR THEATRE

Cecil R. DeMille's "The Crusades" is the stirring story of the conquest of the Holy Land and of the romances between Richard, King of England, and Berengaria, Princess of Navarre. A cast of more than 10,000 persons is headed by Loretta Young, as Berengaria, and Henry Wilton, as Richard, and includes such favorites as Luella Rutherford, Joseph Schildkraut, Alan Hale, C. Henry Gordon, George Barbier, Monte Love, Robert Barrer, William Farnum, Laurence Harris and Pedro de Cordoba.

## BRIDGE NOTES

## A DIFFICULT CONTRACT

By Ely Culbertson

The true test of an expert player comes in the play when confronted with a dummy of less value than anticipated.

I admit in the following hand my raise was somewhat optimistic and I was more than delighted with my partner's play of the hand below:

South Dealer  
East-West vulnerable

North—Mrs. Culbertson  
S—A J 10 8 6  
H—K 6  
D—A Q 8 5  
C—A Q

West—Sims  
S—K Q 7  
H—A 10 8  
D—K 7 6 3  
C—4 3 2

East—Mrs. Sims  
S—5 4  
H—Q J 9 7  
D—J 10 4  
C—J 10 7 5

South—Culbertson  
S—9 3 2  
H—5 4 3 2  
D—9 2  
C—K 9 8 6

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1S Pass  
INT (1) Pass 3D (2) Pass  
SS (3) Pass 4S Pass

1—This is a "psychic" one-trump which I made to conceal my weakness from our vulnerable opponents.  
2—After the one-trump response from South, North believes there is a sure game and forces for one round by bidding "three diamonds."

3—Showing minimum support for spades and a preference for that suit rather than three notrump.

East led the heart Queen, which Mrs. Culbertson was allowed to win with the King. She then led the club Ace and overtook the Queen with the King in the dummy. She led a diamond, winning with a finesse of the Queen when Sims played low, and led out the diamond Ace.

After next ruffing a small diamond in the dummy and a club in her hand, she returned another diamond to be trumped in the dummy. On this Mrs. Sims discarded her remaining club.

A small trump was led, Sims playing low, and declarer's Jack won the trick. The heart loser was returned, West winning it with the ten and returning the Ace. Mrs. Culbertson trumped this, led her trump Ace, and conceded a trick to Sims' spade King, fulfilling the contract with an extra trick.

QUEER PHYSICAL MALFORMATION  
Boy Whose Heart Is In His Stomach

Moscow.—A boy whose heart is in the region of his stomach has been found in Soviet Russia.

He is K. Otar, aged 10 years, and the strange structure of his body was revealed when he underwent a medical examination at Krasie.

The upper part of the heart can be felt and its pulsation can be easily observed.

Apart from this peculiarity, the boy is normally developed and is a studious scholar. He has been placed under constant medical supervision by the authorities.—Reuter.

## AN IRISH WEDDING PARTY

## Court Aftermath

Two men and two women, men in civilian dress, appeared at First District Court yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, which alleged that they

Assaulted the village publican of Borris-in-Oberly and police officers.

Were disorderly while drunk. Damaged a cell door at Borris-in-Oberly, and

Stole a lamp in the police station. The men were sentenced to two months' imprisonment and the women fined.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.S.).

## RELAY OF HONG KONG HOTEL DANCE ORCHESTRA Z.B.K. Programme

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music.  
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Class Down.  
2.30 p.m.—European Programme.  
5.7 p.m.—A. & B. & C. The Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7.25 p.m.—Receptor from Opera. Vocal Goss—Abba (Vardi). Selection—If I Survive (Verdi).

Vocal Goss—Tales of Hoffmann (Offenbach). Mignon (Thomas).  
7.25-7.35 p.m.—"Kladderadarn" (Singer of Childhood) (Schumann). Played by Yuen Nait (Pianoforte).

7.35-8 p.m.—Concert Items. Song—Kilmerney. Richard Crooks (Tenor). Violin Solos.

Duetto ("Song without Words") (Mendelssohn). Venetian Gondola Song No. 1 (Mendelssohn). Janet Terrie.

Songs—Les Sirenes (Vale (Soprano)). Dolores (Waldorf). "Ninon Vallin (Soprano). Songs—

The Late To-morrow (Langenberg). Acushla (Rowe). Richard Crooks (Tenor). Duetto ("Song without Words") (Mendelssohn).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-11 p.m.—A Relay from the Po King Theatre (Chinese).  
11 p.m.—Class Down.

8.45-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-8.35 p.m.—"Yes, Maima." 8.35-8.55 p.m.—"Ballet Egyptian Suite" (Ligeti).  
8.55-9.15 p.m.—Songs by Perry Fleming (Baritone).

1. Jack the Fiddler. The Ballad Monger. "Songs of the Fair" (Guthrie-Martin).

2. Fairings. Come to the Fair. "Songs of the Fair" (Guthrie-Martin).

3. Jockey along the Highway (Schnally).  
4. The Dearest Lover (White).

8.45-9.05 p.m.—A Relay of the Deventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).  
9.05-9.45 p.m.—"A Blackpool Selection".

9.45-10 p.m.—"Everybody's Songs." 10 p.m.—Big Band. Reuter Press Bulletin.  
10.10 p.m.—Class Down.

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The first motion picture film made in America is being exhibited at an Antiques Exposition in New York. Made in 1870, it is called the "Disphenon."

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The show is of two reels, one of which depicts a new sort of the period.

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Marta	Levi Stone's band.
According to the moonlight	Johnny Greens orch.
Hunkadoola	Spanish orchestra.
Wine song	Henry King's orch.
Happy I'm happy	
Merry Widow Waltz	
Villa	
She's a Latin from Manhattan	
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Tahiti	
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The night is young	

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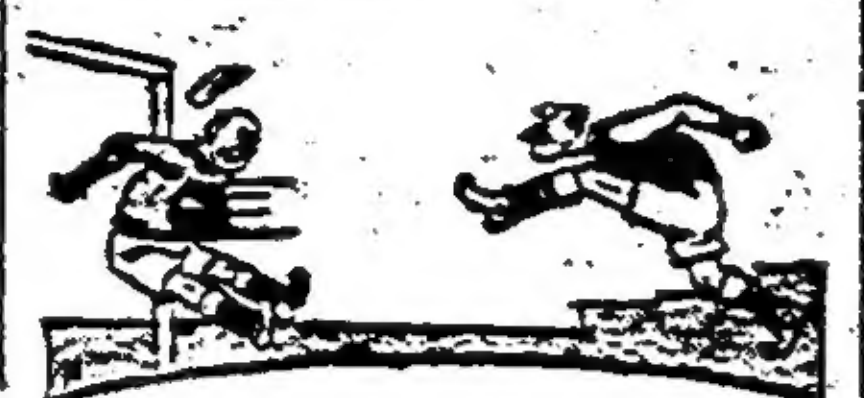
## HOME FOOTBALL

### SUNDERLAND INCREASE GAP IN TITLE RACE

Leicester And Spurs Challenged

#### TRANMERE'S SOUND POSITION

London, Saturday. Sunderland have now established a 5-point lead over their nearest rivals in the premier soccer league; Doncaster and Charlton crept up on Leicester and the Spurs; Luton and Coventry are on the heels of Reading; Tranmere consolidated their position at the head of the Northern Section; and the Scottish leaders are unchanged.



Detailed results, as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	4 M'abourough
Birmingham	4 Huddersfield
Blackburn	3 Wednesday
Chelsea	1 Portsmouth
Grimsby	6 Brentford
Leeds	1 Derby
Liverpool	2 Preston
Manchester C.	5 A. Villa
Stoke	4 Wolves
Sunderland	7 Bolton
W. Brom.	6 Everton
* postponed owing to fog.	
† abandoned after 77 minutes owing to fog.	

SECOND DIVISION	
Blackpool	4 Manchester U.
Bradford	3 Barnsley
Bury	0 Fulham
Doncaster	2 Port Vale
Leicester	2 Hall
Norwich	1 Newcastle
Notts F.	4 Tottenham
Sheffield U.	0 Plymouth
Southampton	0 Bradford C.
Swansea	1 Charlton
W. Ham.	1 Burnley
* postponed owing to fog.	

THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot	6 Bristol R.
Brighton	4 Reading
Bristol C.	1 B'mouth
Coventry	3 Southend
Exeter	1 Crystal P.
Millwall	0 Luton
Newport	5 N'hampton
Queen's P.R.	5 Cardiff
Swindon	2 Clapton
Torquay	0 Notts C.
Watford	1 Gillingham

THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Carlisle	1 Barrow
Darlington	1 Chester
Gateshead	4 Lincoln
Halifax	1 Southport
Hartlepool	4 N. B'm
Mansfield	0 Chesterfield
Oldham	3 Accrington
Rotherham	1 Stockport
Tranmere	5 Rochdale
Walsall	5 York City
Wrexham	1 Crewe
* not played.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Albion	4 Hamilton
Arbroath	8 Hibernian
Clyde	0 Aberdeen
Dundee	1 Airdrie
Hearts	4 Queen's Pk.
Kilmarnock	4 Queen O'S.
Motherwell	4 Ayr
Partick	2 Dunfermline
St. J'stone	1 Rangers
Third Lanark	1 Celtic



Tam Ah-fai, above, the former Athletic Club player, has been forced to give up soccer owing to Air Force duties. He was an invaluable centre-half.

### MACAO RACES

Mr. Y. T. Fung Rides Two Winners

#### MISS DONEGGIN'S SUCCESS

Recording two wins, Mr. Y. T. Fung headed the jockey's list at the Macao Race Meeting yesterday, results of which were as follows:

#### The Results

1. Shek-O Stakes. Once Round.	
Dr. Lee Shiu Kee's Tin Ho 166 lb.	(Y. T. Fung) 1
Mr. Broadway's Flamingo 155 lb.	(D. Black) 2
Mr. Chin's Beginner's Luck 157 lb.	(P. P. Botello) 3
Time: 25, 58, 131 1/5, 2 02 3/5.	
Distance: 2 lengths, 4 lengths.	
Parl-Mutuel: Winner \$14.70.	
Places \$8.40, \$3.	
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 53—\$58.10.	
2nd No. 6—\$16.60.	
3rd No. 327—\$ 8.80.	
Unplaced Nos. 246, 296 each \$4.60.	

2. Stanley Handicap. (1st Section) One Mile.

Mr. En Tong Sen's Rousseau 151 lb.	(H. C. Pih) 1
Mr. B. F. S.'s Diogenes 151 lb.	(D. Black) 2
Mr. Roson's Flybnight 155 lb.	(G. R. Cheape) 3
Time: 34, 1 04, 1 36, 2 08 2/5.	
Distance: 5 lengths, 3 lengths.	
Parl-Mutuel: Winner \$11.10.	
Places \$10.30.	
Cash Sweep: 1st No. 36—\$33.50.	
2nd No. 103—\$23.60.	
3rd No. 454—\$11.96.	
Unplaced Nos. 246, 296 each \$7.20.	

#### Chinese Take Lead

After 15 minutes of quickly fought exchanges, the Chinese took the lead. Fung sent Lee through, and the centre-forward swerved out to the right before sending in a low shot which passed Rodger, but Robertson cleared off the line. The ball went to Fung King-cheong, however, and he crashed it into an empty net. Thirty seconds later, Lee Wai-tong snapped up a pass from Fung and netted with a glorious shot from 10 yards.

Pressing confidently, Lee had another fine effort rather luckily saved by Rodger, then Tay Quee-hang was given a low ball by Ip Pak-wah, and his terrific drive from an awkward angle curled into the top far corner—the best goal of the game as it turned out.

The Association brightened up considerably in the second half, and attacked strongly, but the handicap of only four forwards proved too great. The Chinese were proving a thoroughly efficient, keen and workmanlike side, vastly superior at half-back.

Cannell eventually broke clean through, but was badly brought (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)

## Chinese Teamwork Wins The Day

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The Chinese defence, opposed by the ever-brilliant Ridley, were forced to bring out their best, and once again Lee Tin-sang's experience and coolness enabled the Chinese to clear their lines when a goal appeared imminent.

#### Tam's Headwork

Tam Kong-pak was to the fore with his exceptionally fine headwork, and Pan Ka-ping effected many clever saves with none of Wong Wing's spectacular touches. The Association made one change in the published team. Evans coming in at left-half in place of Bowers.

Little in the nature of criticism can be levelled at the Association players. Each man pulled his weight, and it was merely lack of knowledge of each other's play that lost them the day.

Rodger played a great game in goal, diving here, there and everywhere, and bringing off saves when all things pointed to a goal. Swain, up to the time of his injury, and Chris Pile, worked unceasingly to break up the efforts of the opposing line, tackling quickly and clearing strongly at the first opportunity.

#### Bertie As Full-Back

With Swain out of the game in the second period, Bertie Gosano went to right-back and put up a far better show than he did at outside-right. Indeed, throughout the second half, with only ten men, the Association side gave a much brighter display all round.

Robertson and Evans were the best of the halves, though Lawton, faced with the task of holding Lee Wai-tong, played in great form, but failed in constructive play, which was where Robertson and Evans shone.

Ridley and Bickford proved an ideal left-wing their clever inter-passing continually making openings, but Cannell appeared rather timid for a leader, and Harrison also did not quite fit in to the scheme of things.

Lee Wai-tong won the toss, and Cannell kicked off before a capacity crowd which included H.E. the O.A.C., Sir Thomas Southorn, and party.

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## R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C. BADLY TROUNCED BY NAVY JUNIORS

(Continued from Page 4.)

After 10 minutes play, Wide gave Navy the lead, only for the Corps to obtain a quick equaliser through Vaughan. Just before the interval Spencer, registered, lobbing the ball in adroit fashion over the advancing Cooper.

#### Navy Delight

The Navy delighted with some splendid combined movements on the resumption, and after several close efforts Spencer increased the sailors' lead. A clever bout of passing culminated in a further goal, Austin scoring.

Spencer brought the Navy's total to five, and Austin obtained the sixth with a neat header from a long centre by Wilcox.

The Corps rallied in the closing stages Clark scoring their second goal.

## RECREO NEED NEW STIMULANT

(Continued from Page 4.)

#### Attacking—Negligible!

The amount of attacking undertaken by the Club forwards in the opening half was negligible, their whole time being taken up with the defence—in a rigid defence.

Although the score—5 nil—indicates that the Police had things very much their own way in their clash with Sonscesters on Saturday in the First Division, this was not the case and they had to fight very hard for their goals.

#### Magnificent Front

The Gunners' defence put up a magnificent front and it was due to the efforts of Lewis and Price that the custodians of the law did not make a round dozen goals.

Following his shaky appearance against the champions last Sunday week, McHardy was in tip-top form and made several splendid saves, one at full-length when he just managed to turn the ball round the upright.

#### Britain Is Good

Britain was the pick of the Police—intermediate—B's, and more than justified his inclusion in the senior eleven.

One of the most remarkable games seen for many a long month was witnessed at Chatham Road on Saturday, where the Funnies surprised the Navy seniors in a brilliant last minute rally, when they scored two goals in quick succession to win by the odd goal in three!

## SOUTH CHINA SWEEP

Ticket 51393 Wins \$53,556.76

The following was the result of the draw of the Macao Jockey Club South China Cup Sweep Stake, which took place in the Club House of the South China Athletic Association, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

Name of Pony	No. of Ticket
Belmont Star	027319
Boxing Eve	025458
Beginner's Luck	002544
Buckingham	000336
Copper Idol (Second)	050563
Diogenes	071179
Emergency Call	085103
Festival Eve	065566
Flamingo	016733
Flybnight	097449
Flying Tourist	124643
Glad Eury	118372
Gold Currency	021118
Gold Bullion	124342
Heart's Glory	112534
Iron Grey	032467
Limeholt	113561
Lookley Hall	077100
Lucky Strike	016137
Mersey	021622
Nebular Star	018472
Partnership	112867
Plain View	030035
Popular Star	027069
Rousseau (Third)	095310
Silver Fox	104531
The Deemster	065162
Tim Ho	019655
Timbourn	112293
Tiny Star (First)	051393
Valley Hall	017243
Valley View	122387
What's The Time	127081
West Parade	083807
William Oiler	104093
Young Chap	027101

#### List Of Prizes

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down by Tam Kong-pak and from the ensuing penalty Ridley obtained the Association's only goal.

Deciding it was time to re-assess their advantage, the Chinese suddenly attacked, and Lee went through in a characteristic run, beating Pile and Gosano, but his slowly placed shot was stopped by Rodger.

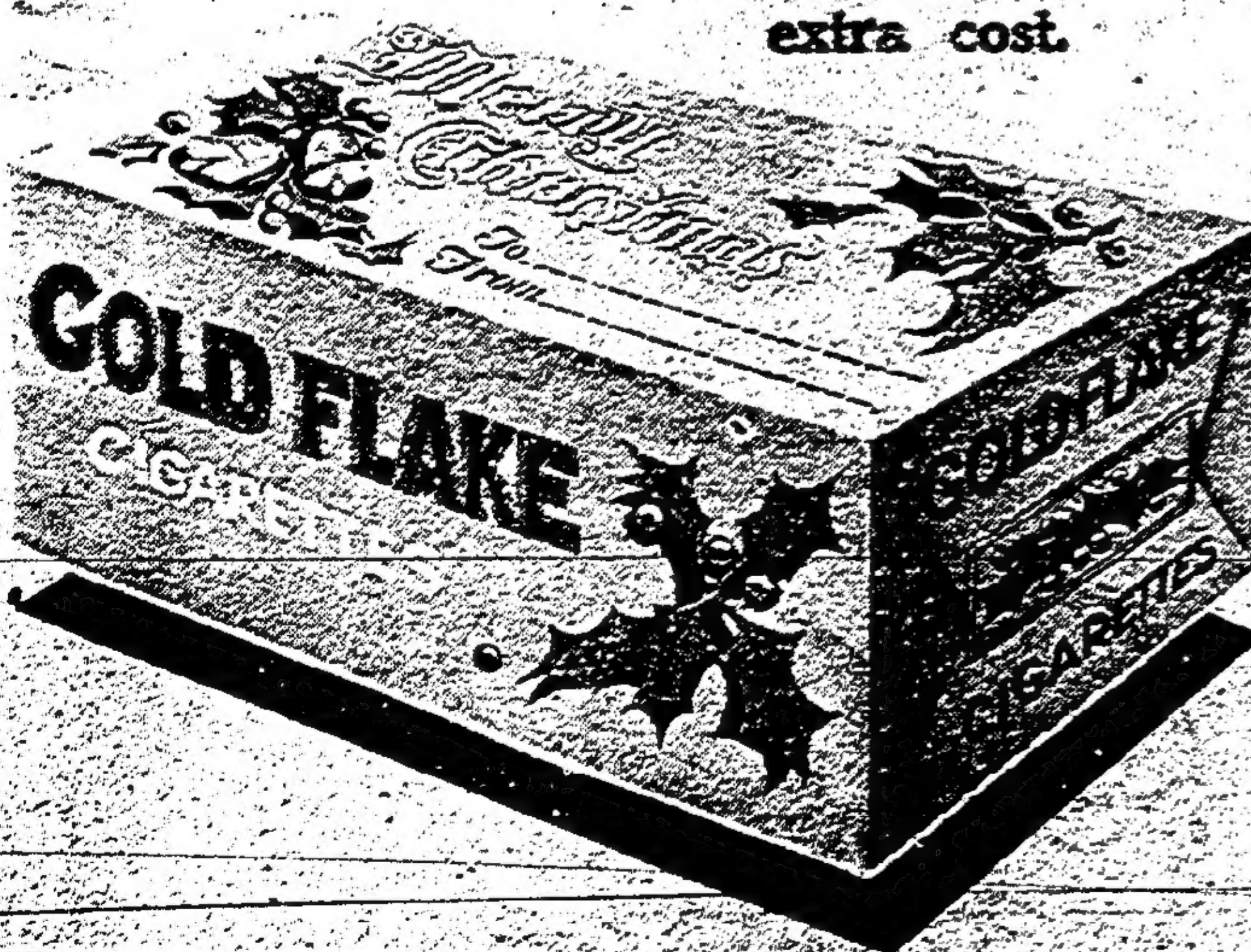
A good shot by Fung was finely saved by Rodger, who dived full-length across the goal to divert round the post, but a "scorcher" from Lee Wai-tong from 20 yards out soon after placed the issue beyond doubt.

C.A.A.F.—Pan Ka-ping, Li Tin-sang, and Tam Kong-pak, Leung Wing-choi, Wong Mei-sam, and Lee Kwok-wai; Tio Kwai-ling, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Ip Pak-wah and Tay Quee-hang.

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**Proper Pride**

Britons abroad are apt to be unconsciously resentful of the fact that not all foreigners speak our language. Britons at home are frankly astonished that foreigners should visit them in their turn without acquiring their tongue. Feeling thus, it is clearly their duty to see that the foreigners have greater opportunities of knowing both them and their language, but what the Prince of Wales recently called our "national shyness" holds us back. An organisation, over which the Prince presided at St. James's Palace, has been formed to conquer this "national shyness" and display to the nations abroad some of the things in which we take a proper pride—our literature, our art, our music and drama and our scientific achievement. In particular, it is desired to encourage English studies at foreign universities.

The British Council for Relations with Other Countries, which has set these aims before it, has been formed only a few months, but already it has done useful work in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, in Poland and in Portugal. Promoted by the Foreign Office and in close touch with five other Government Departments, it was launched with a small grant of £6,000 from the Treasury and aided by that generous donor, Lord Wakefield, and other private individuals. Now France and Italy each budget over £1,000,000 a year for national "propaganda" and prestige. Japan has recently budgeted £100,000 for similar purposes during the coming year, and the vast resources of the German Ministry of Propaganda are being expended outside the Reich no less than within. Funds on a much larger scale than £6,000, though not necessarily Government funds, are necessary if the English people are to take a similar interest in making themselves known. If the chief causes of war are international suspicions and misunderstandings, they should help remove them by spreading some knowledge of the language which moulds their thoughts and of the arts in which they express their feelings.

**Books Our Best Friends**

In spite of all the rivals of modern invention, moving picture and broadcast speech, there never was a time when books meant so much to the world as they do to-day. Far more people now than ever before feel as the Princess Marie Louise said in opening "The Sunday Times" Book Exhibition at Dorland Hall last month, that "books are our best friends." The output of the publishers is continually increasing, and that would be impossible if the habit of reading and buying books were not from year to year more widely spread and intensified. At the Exhibition nearly a hundred publishing houses were displaying their wares. If the numbers of new books are greater than ever, the range of subjects, of treatment and of spirit is also far wider.

We shall make no comparisons between the quality of the literature of 1935 and that of the past. For one sufficient reason, contemporary values are almost always wrong. But in some matters we are clearly more fortunate than past generations. It is not true that

**Here  
There  
and  
Everywhere**

**DESERT BLOCKADE**

Economic sanctions are not new to East Africa. They were put into force with some effect during the wars against the Mad Mullah in British Somaliland. They took the form of intercepting caravans belonging to tribes in sympathy with the Dervishes, who were thus unable to sell their hides and skins in the Aden market and unable to obtain dates, rice and tea.

The blockade was not complete since the British occupation was not complete. When the Mullah started on his career there were only 10 officers and 180 sepoy in the Protectorate.

The Mullah had an outlet to the sea at Illig (Italian Somaliland) until the British Government obtained Italian permission to land a force there and drive him out.

Wai Wai was another favourite haunt of the Mullah's. It was an attempt to reach him there that a British force was cut to pieces by the Dervishes in the Gumburru hills. After many years' fighting in the area where General Graziani is now operating the last Anglo-Somali emissaries to see the Mullah found him near Goralah, on the Ogaden front.

**MESS KIT DENOUNCED**

A cry from India for the abolition of mess kit has been received by *The Fighting Forces*. A correspondent sees no reason why an officer should not wear ordinary evening dress, with coloured facings if desired.

The journal supports this opinion on the grounds that mess uniform is uncomfortable, impractical, expensive, and "with some figures not particularly becoming."

Historically, mess kit is the old full-dress uniform with the coat tails removed.

**Your Daily Smile!**

The village blacksmith was a Cockney Englishman with a sense of humour. One day a customer called and asked his price for welding a piece of iron, a very small job, and he arrived at his charges; whether he charged for the time consumed, or had fat rates for the different jobs, etc.

The smith replied: "We've hit him me job done, he looks hit hower, and charges him that my conscience will follow. Then he shuts my hower and doubles him."

**AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**Talks On Tanks And  
Care Of Fishes**

**MEETING AT UNIVERSITY**

The Hong Kong Aquarium Society will hold its monthly meeting in the Biology Laboratory of the Hong Kong University on Wednesday next at 8.30 p.m.

Talks are to be given on the following subjects:—  
"The Preparation and Construction of Aquarium Tanks."  
"A cheap form of heater for an aquarium during the present cold months."  
"Types of Fishes."  
Periodicals will be displayed, and a general discussion on exotic fishes in general will take place. Questions on the care of tropical fishes will be answered, and every possible assistance will be offered to all enthusiasts who wish to attend the meeting.

"The making of many books" has impaired the general standard. On the contrary the level of ordinary craftsmanship has never been so high. The sheer amount of knowledge devoted to authorship is certainly greater than ever. Those who read to learn have unexampled opportunities.

**SOCIALIST VALUE  
OF RAILWAYS**

**German Centenary  
Celebrated**

**MANY FOREIGN LINES  
REPRESENTED**

Nuremberg, To-day. The large-scale celebration of the centenary of the German railways, which were inaugurated exactly 100 years ago with the opening of the railway line between Nuremberg and Fuerth, began here yesterday in the presence of Herr Hitler and numerous leading personalities of the State and the party, as well as representatives of the world's most important railway systems. Including those of Austria, Belgium, China, England, France, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Italy, Poland, Spain and Switzerland.

Early in the day an act of commemoration took place in honour of upwards of 52,000 German railwaymen who lost their lives in the Great War. Wreaths were deposited at the war memorial for the fallen railwaymen in front of the Transport Museum by the director-general, Dr. Dörpmüller, on behalf of the German railways, and by Sir Josiah Stamp, chairman of the board of directors of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, on behalf of the foreign guests.

The guests of honour were subsequently assembled in the meeting hall, the "Kulturvereinshaus" where Herr Hitler delivered an address, in which he emphasised the importance of railways as a means of mass transportation.

**SOCIALIST MOVEMENT**

"The motor-car," the Chancellor said, "constitutes an individual means of transport, while the aeroplane makes for speed. The only reliable means of mass transportation, however, is the railway, now, as before, and it will hold this position for some time to come. We can very well picture our present life without the aeroplane, and even without motor-cars, but we cannot conceive it without the railway."

"We see moreover in the development of the German railway the first really great Socialist undertaking, in contrast to the undertakings developed for the benefit of the purely capitalistic and individual interests. We shall therefore take good care that the German railways shall not become the victim of competition by other means of transport, which are not yet based and never could be based on this higher principle of socialistic achievement for the good of the nation in its entirety."—*Trans-Ocean Service.*

**WHERE HOLY RUSSIA  
LINGERS**

**MIDNIGHT RITUAL OF A  
DYING COMMUNITY**

**MAGNIFICENT CEREMONY AND  
PICTURESQUE RITUAL**

(By J. R. Colville)

FROM the sea St. Pantaleimon and others who found a home there a few years after the Revolution.

Father Basil, whose father was one of the Tsar's Ministers, himself stayed in Russia to attempt to restore the flagging religion of his countrymen until the Soviet Government drove him into exile, just in time to reach Mount Athos before the Greek Government passed its anti-Russian decree.

**St. Vladimir's Eve**

It was the eve of St. Vladimir's Day, and there was to be a solemn service in preparation for the rituals on the morrow. Beginning at about eight, the service would continue all night, and reach its climax about noon next day. The Abbot was to be there in his robes of office, and the Bishop of Estonia, whom we had met on the mountain path the day we arrived on Mount Athos, was to take the chief part.

**Banned By Greece**

The history of St. Pantaleimon is a sad one. Founded in the twelfth century, it has continually been deserted or destroyed, and on occasions it has contained as few as four monks. At the beginning of the century it was re-established. In 1875, the majority of the monks being Russians, a Russian abbot was elected, and it became the richest and most prosperous monastery on Mount Athos, and the recipient of innumerable gifts and favours from the Tsars.

Then the Greeks became jealous, and at the Russian Revolution they saw their opportunity. The Greek Government forbade any more Russian monks to enter Mount Athos, on the pretext that it might be a headquarters for political intrigue. Now there are about 350 monks, but they are all old, and no young generation can arise to do the work of the monastery. All the cleaning and the drudgery must be performed by men whose hair has turned white, and who are sadly conscious that theirs is a dying community.

**Father Basil**

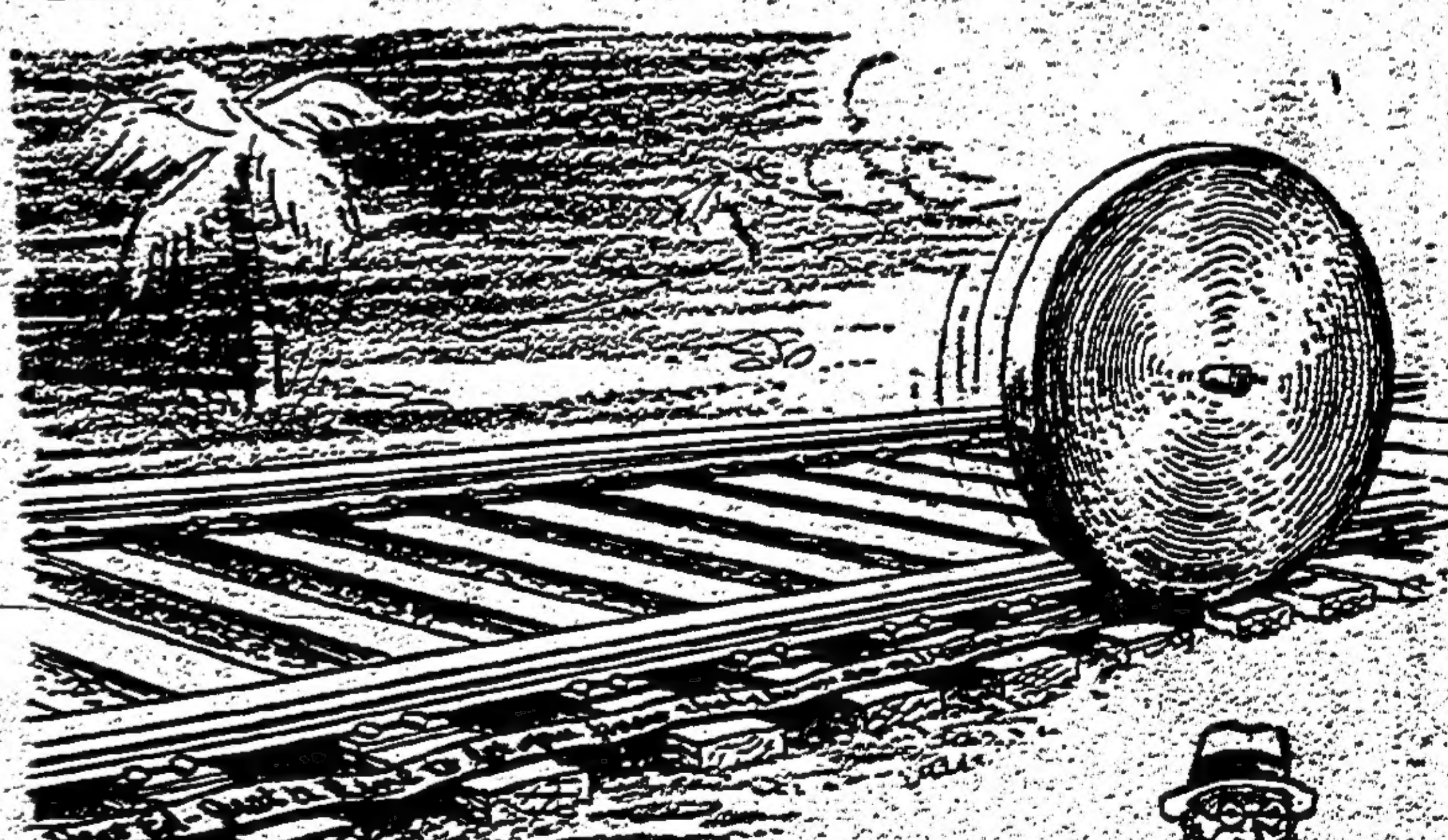
We were welcomed with great courtesy by Father Basil, whose duty it is to receive and take care of the guests. While the Greek monasteries are filled by illiterate peasants hardly worthy of their priceless heritage of books, the Russian monks are drawn from all classes of life, and include educated persons, like fugitive priests

By candlelight the interior of the chapel looked less ornate and over-decorated than it had done in the day. A lamp hung in front of each ikon, and the chapel was crowded with black-cowled monks in their stalls. No seats are provided in the Orthodox Church, but choir and congregation stand against the walls of the church, resting their arms on the wooden sides of their stalls. This is a tiring convention when services last several hours, as they are inclined to do in Greece and Russia; but it has the advantage of leaving the centre of the church free for processional purposes.

Two incense-bearers in gold vestments had been moving with censers up and down the chapel. Suddenly the singing of the choir doubled in intensity as the incense-bearers flung open the doors of a screen and a procession of monks in vestments of gold entered, singing. Last came the Abbot, with a crown upon his head, and wearing robes more resplendent than those of any of his companions. This was the climax of the evening's service, and by now all the stalls and the gallery above were filled with the shrouded figures of monks, many carrying lighted candles.

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**"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley**



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# JEFFERSON ALONE TO BLAME

## JUDGMENT IN APPEAL COURT CASE

### CHIEF JUSTICE'S FORMER DECISION VARIED

"In my judgment the President Jefferson was alone to blame, and the judgment of the learned Chief Justice should be varied accordingly."

This was the judgment of Mr. Justice A. G. Mossop, Chief Judge in His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court in Shanghai, who, with His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice B. E. Lindsell, and two nautical assessors, recently heard the appeal and cross-appeal brought by the American Mail Line and the East Asiatic Co., respectively, against the judgment of the Chief Justice in finding the President Jefferson responsible for 70 per cent. and the Afrika responsible for 30 per cent. of the damage resulting from a collision between the two vessels in the harbour in July last year.

Mr. Justice Mossop has since returned to Shanghai, so His Honour the Chief Justice this morning read the judgment, being supported on the bench by Mr. Justice Lindsell. Both concurred with the judgment.

The owners of the Afrika were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. E. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, while the American Mail Line were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, K.C., and Mr. E. G. Shelton, K.C., instructed by Mr. D. E. Blake.

The judgment is as follows:

"This is an appeal and cross-appeal from a judgment of His Honour the Chief Justice in two consolidated actions for damages arising out of a collision between two vessels which took place in the harbour of Hong Kong. The appellants, who were plaintiffs in the original action, are the owners of the steamship President Jefferson; and the respondents, who were plaintiffs in the original cross-action, are the owners of the motor-vessel Afrika. The material facts leading up to the collision were substantially as follows:

"On December 14, 1934, shortly after 11 a.m., the m.v. Afrika, twin screws, 465 feet in length, 60 feet beam, of 8,497 tons gross, heavily laden and drawing 30 feet 8 inches forward and 31 feet 5 inches aft, passed through Lyemun Pass, bound for a mooring berth at buoy No. A.4 in Hong Kong harbour. At the inner entrance to Lyemun Pass the Afrika was overhauled and passed by the s.s. President Jefferson, twin screws, 535 feet in length, of 14,174 tons gross, bound for a berth alongside one of the Kowloon wharves.

"At about 11.31 a.m. the President Jefferson, proceeding on a westerly course, was approaching the waters south of Kowloon Point. Here she observed a 'Y' signal with her house flag, hoisted on the godown signal mast of the Kowloon Wharf Company. This signal indicated that no berth at the wharves was then available.

"Ordered to Keep Clear  
"At 11.34 a.m. when the President Jefferson was about abreast of Kowloon Point, the Wharf Company's berthing master came alongside in a tug and advised her that it would be necessary to anchor for about three-quarters of an hour. The berthing master also informed the President Jefferson that two vessels, the names of which he gave, would be sailing from the wharves at noon, and that the President Jefferson would have to keep clear of them.

"The Afrika at this time was about abreast of Hot's Wharf, some six or eight ship's lengths astern of the President Jefferson. The weather was fine and clear; there was no appreciable wind; and a 1½ knot flood tide was making from east-south-east to west-north-west.

"The waters in which a vessel usually would anchor when waiting for a berth at the wharves were those located some 1,400 feet to the westward of Pier No. 4 (new notation). On this day, however, dredging operations were being carried on in those waters, and it therefore became necessary for the President Jefferson to seek an anchorage further to the westward. Thus the master of the

# HU HAN-MIN EXPLAINS

## Reasons For Refusal Of Presidency

### GENERAL CHIANG'S HOLD

Canton, To-day.

It has been disclosed here that Mr. Hu Han-min definitely refused to accept the post of President of the Executive Yuan, to which, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made it possible for himself to be elected for the following reasons:

That if the Central Government does not intend to oppose the Japanese invasion and the ever-increasing demands, it would directly affect the name of both himself and his followers; that the post of President of the Executive Yuan would be useless, because the entire power of all the forces in China would be in the hands of one person only, General Chiang Kai-shek.

## Another Split Pending?

### DISSATISFACTION IN SOUTH-WEST

Dissatisfaction reigns among the South-west leaders at the results of the First Plenary Session of the Fifth National Congress, which has just been concluded. If this atmosphere continues to reign it is quite possible that the outcome will be another split with the northern leaders.

Sensational reports and criticisms are expected when Chancellor Chow Lou and the other South-west officials return here.—Neutral News.

# MR. CHOW LU SPEAKS OUT

## Another Call For Unity

### WHOLEHEARTED ACTION REQUIRED

Nanking, To-day.

That the Kuomintang must have a definite scheme as a fundamental solution of the present national affliction was the keynote of Mr. Chow Lou's address here at the close of the first plenary session of the Central Executive Committee yesterday afternoon.

"The Government has thought out many ways to cope with the crisis in Hopei," Mr. Chow continued. "Members attending the Fifth National Congress and the first plenary session of the Central Executive Committee are filled with the idea of unity and co-operation in saving the country. As we unite together, external pressure will become stronger. Therefore we must have the means to remove the pressure."

"Now that the session has come to a close, we have still to adhere to our duty in overcoming the national calamity. Regardless of whether we are at the capital or in the provinces, it is necessary to co-operate together wholeheartedly, so that the national crisis may pass away. In this way we can fulfil the principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen."—Union News.

vessels were then approximately two cables apart.

Channel Closes  
"At the point at which the President Jefferson let go her port anchor it became necessary for her, in order to carry out her intended anchoring manoeuvre, to maintain forward way until such time as her stern should swing to starboard clear of the pile dolphin. Thus in spite of sounding the signal of three short blasts, she did not put her engines astern. On the contrary, with her port engine stopped, she proceeded first at 'slow ahead' and then at 'half ahead' on her starboard engine from 11.44 a.m. to 11.46 a.m. Whilst, therefore, the vessel's head was swinging round to starboard and a line drawn from buoy No. A.6 to buoy No. A.7 was actually gradually closing.

"The effect on the Afrika of putting her helm hard sport, in view of her speed and draught, the depth of the water in which she was navigating, and the direction and force of the tide, was to alter her course by between one and two points only. This, as previously stated, was at 11.48 a.m. The two

parallel courses  
"When south of Kowloon Point the course of the Afrika was altered to approximately west-north-west. This brought the vessel on to a course which was nearly parallel to that on which the President Jefferson was then proceeding. Those on board the Afrika had not observed the flag signal hoisted on the godown signal mast, and they assumed that the President Jefferson was proceeding to a berth at the wharves. Thus the Master of the Afrika decided to set the vessel's course between buoys Nos. A.6 and A.7, to keep buoy No. A.6 to starboard and buoy No. A.7 to port and—having passed the latter—to make a wide swing to port and fetch up to the tide at buoy No. A.4.

"Shortly before coming up to buoy No. A.6 the course of the Afrika was again altered slightly to the northward, so as to enable the vessel to pass about 500 feet to the northward of buoy No. A.7.

"When the Afrika was very nearly abreast of buoy No. A.6, and making about 5 knots over the ground, she observed the President Jefferson changing her course slightly to port. The Afrika immediately sounded two short blasts, put her helm hard sport, and stopped her engines. Very shortly after this signal of two short blasts from the Afrika the President Jefferson let go her port anchor and sounded three short blasts. This, as previously stated, was at 11.48 a.m. The two

# To-day's Short Story

## Through A Glass Darkly

By Michael Home

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Charles Francis, handyman of the village of Heathley, was schemer and rogue, and his knaveries were so masterly that even his closest crony—George Spine, the squire's foreman—would accept the one-sided workings of fortune as unaccountable acts of God; while Francis himself ruled the rustic roost with so deft a brain that at times his fellows seemed as no more than tools for his convenient shaping. Then Francis met a bigger knave than himself.

He was a stranger, travelling with crates of glass in a cart, and the price he asked per crate was so preposterous that Francis suspected some underhand work. Then the man let fall that he was a Methodist, like Francis himself, and the doubts were dispelled. And when he drew out two sheets of the glass and exhibited them, their

quality was so superb that the buyer cared never a pin how they had been come by but brought out his money-bag and hunted for the coins. Then even during the payment, and on a brother Methodist, Francis had to play a small knavery, for he pretended he lacked a half-crown and the man had to abate that much of the thirty shillings.

# TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Wart Hog," by Franz F. Wimmer.

But the rage came when the stranger had vanished and Francis examined his purchase in detail, for the swindling rascal had placed the two exhibited sheets one on each outside of the packed crate, and all the middle was filled with twisted throw-outs for which the wit of man could never devise a

Had he clapped eyes on the man at that moment, Francis would have kicked him to a pulp or battered him to a jelly; as it was he had to let the rage simmer to a deep grievance, nor dared he publish the trick abroad and acknowledge to the village the humiliation of the taking-in. But he did have a cautious word with the constable. "I believe I did see such a man," the constable said. "A little ginger sorta pony he was drivin', and I see them crates of glass. He didn't swindle you, did he, Charlie?"

Francis laughed sneering. "I'd take a better one than him to do me down. All I asked for was in case you should hap to see him anywhere, so's you could let me know. There's tradesmen about that ain't so sharp as me, and I might be able to give them the tip."

The two good sheets were taken from the crate and Francis threw a forkful of straw over it to keep his eyes from the thing whose mere sight could bring a mad rage.

Then a few days later Clara-Carmen gave the order for a gig window in her wash-house shed. Francis had a frame in stock, and he saw a way to use at least one sheet of that damnable glass; for Clara's eyes were old and a shed was of less consequence than a house. So while he worked he kept the door shut lest Clara should make too premature an inspection, and when the long day was over, reported the job as completed and named his price.

But Clara had a look, and when she peered through towards the road, she snapped her eyes and blinked at the night-mare world she saw, for trees were as freaks walking, and hedges green streaks or gigantic cabbages, and a passing neighbour was so terrifying that she covered back.

"Whurr, whurr—what's a matter, Charlie?" she stammered. "My eyes hain't gone all wrong, have they?"

"Course they hain't." He gave a carefree laugh. "This is some patent glass, like what they have in all them new buildin's what they're puttin' up in Norwich and places. A sort of new-found-out. No one can't look in and see what you're a'doin' of, but all the light get in just the same. In fact, this here new glass let in more light than what fother sort do. That's why it cost so much."

But Clara was regrettably conservative and maddeningly swayed, and arguments, blandishments and upbraidings had no jot of effect. She wanted that window in order to see passers-by on her washing days, and she would have glass she could see through or there would be no settling of the bill. So Francis went off in a new, helpless rage with the waste of time to be added to that swindler's account.

And the last thing in his mind was to use for the shed either of those two superb sheets the rascal had sold; so next morning he went to see George Spine. But the foreman and his men were working two good miles from the Hall on the far edge of the estate where the squire was giving a belated overhaul to the keepers' cottages, and Francis raged at the further loss of time as he drove down that way in his pony-cart.

# "A COUNTRY GIRL"

## Philharmonic's New Production

### LIVELY SHOW PROMISED

This well-known musical play, which is being produced by the Philharmonic Society at the Queen's Theatre from January 15 to 18 next, is one of the most popular of the series of musical plays which were in vogue at home early in the present century.

Full of good tunes, with plenty of fun and dancing, it provides a feast of colour, action and sound for nearly three hours, and was revived in London early this year with great success.

The choruses of the Society are noted for their excellence, and with the music in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Yule, the chorus of "A Country Girl" will be found to be ranked with the best the Society has ever had.

Considerable Progress  
The Society is also fortunate in having obtained an excellent cast, many of whom are new to the Hong Kong Stage, and with the support of many old hands, are making good progress towards perfection under the baton of Mr. Yule and the skilful direction of the Hon. Producer, Rev. Cyril Brown, M.A.

The Society is to be congratulated in having obtained the services of these two gentlemen, and when it is stated that the dancing is in the hands of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, who, it will be remembered, was responsible for the excellent dances in the Society's production of "Merrie England" in 1927, it will be realised that no effort is being spared to place the Society on the road to another of its many successes.

# WANG CHING-WEI INTERVIEWED

## Glad To Lay Down Onerous Duties

Shanghai, To-day.

Interviewed by the local press at his sick-bed yesterday, Mr. Wang Ching-wei stated that he was glad he had been relieved of his duties as President of the Executive Yuan, and was succeeded by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in that capacity.

Referring to his appointment as Chairman of the Central Political Council, Mr. Wang said that he was afraid he was unable to assume the new post, both because of ill-health and the heavy responsibility of the post.

Immediately after the election on Saturday morning, the President of the first plenary session of the fifth C.E.C. sent a telegram to Mr. Wang, informing him of his appointment and wishing him an early recovery, so that he will be able to assume the new duties soon.—Central News Agency.

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## RIOTS IN CAIRO

### NEW TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION

Further Demonstration By Students

SEVERAL POLICE INJURED BY STONES

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

Serious rioting broke out here again yesterday morning, when a large crowd, comprised principally of students, assembled near the medical faculty of the university and pelted the police with stones when the latter attempted to disperse them.

Although the authorities denied that trouble was brewing and mounted police as well as armoured cars patrolled the streets, they were not able to prevent the mob halting several trams and buses, turning out the occupants and setting the vehicles on fire, as well as knocking down lamp-posts and igniting the gas which streamed out, so that flames several feet high shot up from the pavement.

The police, who were hard pressed by the rioters, a number being injured by stones, fired several salvos over their heads and arrested hundreds.

Trans-Ocean Service.

DRAMATIC MEASURES PENDING. Cairo: The rioting has left a trail of destruction in the shape of felled trees, smashed street-lamps, disabled buses and burnt-out trams.

The authorities are preparing drastic measures to deal with any further rioting. The Minister of Interior announces that all forbidden demonstrations will in future be suppressed by firearms, if necessary, to safeguard life and property.

CAVALRY CALLED OUT. An earlier message stated that Egyptian infantry and cavalry had been called out as a precautionary measure following renewed rioting.

Bands of students who were on strike set on fire a number of trams, and stoned and turned hoses on the police from the balconies of the Kas Belaini Hospital.

The police, as a warning, fired shot guns, but the aggressors were out of range.

Earlier instructions to the police to deal leniently with the students were cancelled by the Minister of the Interior, who authorised the use of violence if necessary.

All faculties of the Egyptian University, which was to have been reopened on December 1, had been closed indefinitely.

## POLICE RESERVE

### Orders For The Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police: Arrival of H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.

The following Police Reservists will parade for duty in connection with the arrival of H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E., on Thursday, December 12, 1935:

**Chinese Company**  
20 members of the Chinese Company to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

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**Flying Squad**  
10 members of the Flying Squad to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

**Emergency Unit Reserve**  
12 members of the Emergency Unit Reserve to parade at Central Police Station at 08.40 hours to draw arms. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, and Truncheons.

**Practice Parade**  
A Practice Parade will be held at 07.45 hours on Tuesday, December 10, 1935. All members taking part in this parade will fall



Vienna reports that Prince Ernst von Starhemberg (shown with his wife) may become Regent and eventually King of Austria and occupy the throne shown at the right. He is now Vice-Chancellor and virtual Dictator of the country. Starhemberg was first reported to favour the return of the exiled Archduke Otto.

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The Zag Zaw Picture Puzzles should appeal to many, and a variety of charming subjects tastefully reproduced add to the supremacy of Tuck's entertaining and fascinating cut-outs.

## REDUCTION IN CAPITAL

### Application Granted

An application for the reduction of the capital of the firm of Nichel and Lyons Ltd., based on a special resolution of the company, was this morning made before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, acting on the instructions to Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr. Macnamara stated in making the application that certain assets, amounting to 300,000 yen, had been lost. There was no suggestion of opposition.

His Lordship made the necessary order.

**Indian Company**  
1st Aid Classes.—All members taking this course will report at the Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, and Thursday, 10 and 12 December, 1935, at 18.30 hours for instruction.

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Hong Kong, Monday, December 9, 1935.

## PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

### Local Society's Good Work

#### ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED

The annual report of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children shows that the ordinary income for the year is some \$7,000 below expenditure. In spite of this, the Committee decided that there could be no change in the policy of reducing expenditure so long as any part of their reserves remain.

Apart from its activities on behalf of a large body of children and its influence on behalf of children generally, the Society has saved the lives of hundreds of children, and even more from a life of sickness and ill-health due to lack of adequate food and attention during the early months of their lives.

More than ever the Society needs the help and encouragement of all sections of the public of the Colony, which have been given so freely in the past.

## EXHIBITION OF STAMPS

### Local Philatelic Society

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society will hold its First Annual Exhibition of postage stamps at the South China Morning Post Building in Wyndham Street on Wednesday and Thursday of this week between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m. The exhibition has been very well supported by the members, with some noteworthy selections entered. Prizes have been donated for the best exhibits.

Among the entries are stamps from the British Empire, China, Hong Kong, Portugal and the United States. In addition there are interesting exhibits of air-mails and specialties showing Philatelic Zoos, Native Races, etc.

The exhibition is open to the public as well as stamp enthusiasts and will repay a visit. There is no charge for admission.

## WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has increased considerably in intensity and extended southward and eastward. The typhoon appears to have moved rapidly westward, is crossing Laxon in about 14-15 N. on a westerly track. North-east winds, fresh, cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

## Jefferson Alone To Blame

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This alteration was insufficient to enable her to pass south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett; and it is not now in dispute that from the time when the Afrika was abreast of buoy No. A.6 she could have done nothing more than she did to avoid the collision which occurred four minutes later.

"About two minutes after the Afrika had sounded two short blasts, she repeated this signal with her helm still hard a port. The President Jefferson replied with three short blasts, and at 11.46 a.m.—her stern by that time having just swung clear of the pile dolphin—put her engines to full astern both.

The Collision.—"At 11.47 a.m., somewhere to the northward of buoy No. A.7, the two vessels came into collision, the stem of the President Jefferson making with the starboard side of the Afrika abreast of the latter's No. 2 hatch, and at an angle of about 75 degrees.

The learned Chief Justice, who had the assistance of a nautical assessor, held that the primary responsibility for the collision rested with the President Jefferson for her breaches of Articles 28 and 29 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, in that (a) failed when at point "J" to give any indication of her alteration of course to port, and (b) failed when she sounded her first signal of three short blasts to put her engines astern.

"He held, however, that the Afrika was also to blame for having failed continuously to keep a proper watch on the President Jefferson as required by the Regulations, and for having failed to observe, as she well might have done, the President Jefferson's alteration of course to port in sufficient time to have enabled her to pass safely to the south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett, and thus to avoid the collision. In the result the learned Chief Justice apportioned 70 per cent. of the blame to the President Jefferson and 30 per cent. to the Afrika.

Points Not Considered.—"On this appeal the appellants claim that the Afrika alone should be held to blame, whilst the respondents claim that the President Jefferson alone should be held to blame. During the hearing a number of points were submitted to us by counsel for the parties, but in view of the conclusion at which I have arrived after giving full consideration to the advice of our nautical assessors, it will not be necessary for me to deal with all of these in detail.

"To my mind it is beyond all doubt that each of the two vessels was navigated on the morning in question with a deplorable disregard of the movements of the other of them. On the one hand the President Jefferson, in carrying out her anchoring manoeuvre in the waters and in the manner she did, would have been proceeding normally and properly had it not been for the presence of the Afrika which she, up to the moment of letting go her port anchor, wrongly assumed to be making a course down the Central Fairway to the south of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett. On the other hand the Afrika in directing her course north of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett with a view ultimately to swinging to port and fetching up to the tide at buoy No. A.4, would have been proceeding normally and properly had it not been for the presence of the President Jefferson which she, up to the moment of arriving nearly abreast of buoy No. A.6, wrongly assumed to be proceeding to a berth at the wharves.

Afrika's Guilt.—"I am of opinion that the Afrika was guilty of negligent navigation in each of the following respects: (1) "In failing to observe the 'Y' signal and house flag hoisted on the godown signal mast. Both the master and the pilot of the Afrika knew of the existence of this signal mast and the use to which it was put in connection with the movements of the President Jefferson was of particular interest to the Afrika in view of the latter's decision to pass north of buoy No. A.7 and the Everett, and

it was therefore the duty of those in charge of the navigation of the Afrika to use all possible aids to ascertain the President Jefferson's intentions. One of those aids was this signal, and if should have been observed.

"(2) In proceeding at an increased speed from 11.37 a.m. to 11.43 a.m. before she had definitely ascertained the President Jefferson's intentions. The Afrika, as the overtaking vessel, proceeded at an excessive speed after passing Kowloon Point and followed too closely on the President Jefferson. She should have held back until the overtaking vessel was at a safe distance, and her failure to do so was a breach of Articles 23, 24 and 29 of the Regulations.

"(3) Prior to reaching buoy No. A.6, in altering her course to one which was more northerly before she had definitely ascertained the President Jefferson's intentions.

"(4) In failing to observe the President Jefferson's porting manoeuvre earlier than in fact she did. I concur in the view expressed on this matter by the learned Chief Justice in the penultimate paragraph of his judgment.

President Jefferson's Guilt.—"I am also of opinion that the President Jefferson was guilty of negligent navigation in each of the following respects:

"(1) In failing to sound a signal of two short blasts when she changed direction to port at point "J." The President Jefferson thereby deprived the Afrika of the warning that vessel otherwise would have had. The signal, had it been sounded, might have induced the Afrika to correct her own wrong manoeuvre at that time.

"(2) In letting go her port anchor in the manner and at the point she did, having regard to the nature of her intended anchoring manoeuvre and to the then position, course, and speed of the Afrika. In coming to an anchor caution must be used not to injure or embarrass other vessels: *The Ceres* (1857) Swab 250. Had the President Jefferson paid proper attention to the Afrika immediately before letting go her port anchor, she must have realised that by so doing she would be seriously endangering both vessels.

"(3) In sounding a signal of three short blasts in response to the Afrika's first signal of two short blasts and failing thereupon to put her engines full speed astern. I desire to add, however, that although this was a misleading signal in the sense of having a tendency to mislead, it was in my view a signal which did not in fact mislead the Afrika in the situation in which that vessel was then placed. Accordingly I consider that this misleading signal given by the President Jefferson could not in any degree have been a cause of the collision, and that it may therefore be disregarded when considering the question of causes contributing to the damage. (See *The Gulf of Suez*, 1921 P. 318).

Summarised Account.—"The position, therefore, may be summarised quite shortly as follows: On the one hand, if the Afrika, as the overtaking vessel, had kept a proper look-out, reduced her speed, and held back for the President Jefferson, as she should have done, there would have been no collision. On the other hand, if the President Jefferson had not let go her port anchor in the manner and at the point she did, there would have been no collision.

"Finding, as I do, that each vessel was guilty of negligent navigation in these respects, the question that then remains is whether it was the negligence of one or both of the vessels which caused or contributed to the collision and to the resulting damage. For the maxim *causa proxima non remota spectatur* applies to distinguish negligence for the consequences of which a defendant is liable from that which is merely collateral and immaterial upon the question of liability.

Lord Birkhead's Question.—"The following passage from the judgment of Lord Birkhead, *The Ceres*, delivered in the House of Lords in *Admiralty Commissioners v. S.S. Velox* (1922) 1 A.C. 129 at 126 may be quoted here as being in point:

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## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

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The s.s. Carthage left Singapore at noon on Saturday and is due here at about 8 a.m. on Thursday next. She is carrying the outward bound English mails.

The next meeting for Worship and meditation conducted by Dr. Reichelt at the Tao Fong Shan Chapel, Bishop's House, Hong Kong, will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Dr. Reichelt will give a short address on "The sending of prophets into the world."

Hui Ming, aged 19, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a chopper wound, received during a fight with some coolies in Graham Street.

The opening ceremony of the Parochial Hall and Public Lending Library of St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, will take place on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. in the vestry of the church, when the Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., will speak on "One of our Greatest Needs."

Mrs. A. R. Wellington will present the medals and diplomas to the successful candidates at the 1935 Catechism Contest to be held at the Wah Yan College, Robinson Road next, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The collection taken at the prize-giving ceremony at the Peak School on Friday last, in aid of the Society for the Protection of Children, amounted to \$100, and the Head Mistress and Staff wish to thank parents and friends who so generously contributed.

"In all cases of damage by collision on land or sea, there are three ways in which the question of contributory negligence may arise. A is suing for damage thereby received. He was negligent, but his negligence has brought about a state of things in which there would have been no damage if B had not been subsequently and severally negligent. A recovers in full.

"At the other end of the chain, A's negligence makes collision so threatening that though by the apportionment of damages B could avoid it, B has not really time to think and by mistake takes the wrong measure. B is not held to be guilty of any negligence and A wholly fails.

"In between these two extremes come the cases where the negligence is deemed contributory, and the plaintiff in common law receives nothing, while in Admiralty damages are divided in some proportion or other."

President Jefferson To Blame.—"Our nautical assessors are unanimous and emphatic in advising us that notwithstanding the prior negligence on the part of the Afrika, the President Jefferson with ordinary care could have avoided the collision by her own independent action if she had not elected to let go her port anchor in the manner and at the point she did. I feel satisfied that this view of the matter is the correct

one, for it seems clear that if the President Jefferson had not chosen to let go her anchor then, she would have had ample time within which to put her engines full ahead both and proceed on her course down the channel between the pile dolphin and the Everett. "I arrive at the conclusion, therefore, that the Afrika was negligent, but that her negligence had brought about a state of things in which there would have been no damage if the President Jefferson had not been subsequently and severally negligent. And this being so, I must find that it was the negligence of the President Jefferson alone which caused the damage.

"For these reasons, I think that the appeal should be dismissed and the cross-appeal allowed.

My judgment the President Jefferson was alone to blame, and the judgment of the learned Chief Justice should be varied accordingly.

In concurring, His Lordship said: "In view of the very definite and emphatic advice of the nautical assessors, I concur directly with the judgment of my learned brother Mosop." The Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, also concurred.









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## Through A Glass Darkly

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sorts, now two birds of monstrous size, then a mere midge of a fly and then a cross between a duck and a ostrich, and when with a sudden inspiration he looked through an original pane and had an undistorted view, the two pheasants, as Soames had said, were not there at all, but alone in the middle of the lawn was a solitary thrush!

The veins pulsed on neck and temples and for a moment wrath held him motionless. Then as he roved a raging eye around he saw a paper-weight on the side table and at once he was seizing it and hurling it through the window. Then the poker completed the job, and when at last he stood panting, back most of the rage had gone, though the look he turned on Soames was more of a glare.

"Did you see Spine putting those panes in? Answer me, you fool! Don't stand there looking like a fish."

Soames owned up, and ventured to add that the glass was a new kind and not really meant to be seen through. The old man's roaring voice cut him short.

"Damn you! are you mad—or am I? Fetch Spine at once!"

Soames shook a resolute head. "I'm sorry, sir, but Spine definitely can't come. He doesn't leave that roof uncovered—not with rain about."

"Then get someone else. Have that window right by the time I'm home or I'll sack the pair of you."

Soames shook a helpless head. "But who am I to get, sir? There isn't anyone but Francis."

"Francis?" The name of that radical rogue gave the old man pause, then he blurted it out. "Get Francis then, you fool. Didn't you hear me?"

So Soames made his hasty way to Francis's barn and briefly explained the situation. Francis quivered his laughter somehow and his eyes had merely a twinkle.

"You've come to the right man, sir, when you come to me. Wait you here and I'll show ye."

He came back with those two super-sheets that had been the swindler's lure and held one to the light.

"There y'are, sir," he said with a rare dignity. "That's what I call glass—and I owt to know."

Inside half an hour he was at work and the hum of a hymn-tune floated inconspicuously about the squire's morning-room. Often he chuckled as he recalled the tale of the two pheasants, and how George dared never own to the source of those monstrous panes; and as he putted and painted he planned a bill of only moderate dimensions as a bait for yet more work, and he knew that at last he had a something to set off against the cursed incubus of that damnable crate.

Next morning the page-boy brought word down that the squire wished to see Francis at once. The old man was standing before the mended window and he nodded amiably enough as Francis was shown in.

"Good glass you put in here, Francis. I might say, very good glass."

When Francis talked, the squire sang again.

"Well, sir, if I may say so, what else did you expect? I know the high-class sorta work you want, sir, and that's what I live in this here parish to supply you with, sir. When I do a job for a gentleman like you, sir, I intend it shall stand lookin' at, and when I buy the best, and for why, sir? Because I'm like you, sir. I know the best alius pay in the long run."

The old man was listening with a queer interest. "Francis was a man of ideas and principles."

"I wish you could make Spine see it then, Francis," he said. "He seems to buy the best and get the worst. The man's a fool and always was. Got your bill?"

Francis respectfully produced it, and the squire raised his eyebrows as he went over to the bureau.

"Remarkably reasonable, Francis. Very reasonable indeed."

Francis flicked his forelock with a thanks. The old man took the receipt and then opened the french doors.

"You might as well go this way, Francis. I'll save your steps."

"Thanks, sir," said Francis, and followed him out. The old man chatted about the late harvest and the poor progress of that war with the Boers and halted only when he came to the large greenhouse that stood at the kitchen garden end. As Francis's eyes fell on the neglected wood-work and puttying and the cracked and leaky panes, a thought flashed to his mind and set his mouth to a sudden gape.

"You'll excuse me suggestin' it, sir, but haint you let this here greenhouse go a mite too far? Haint you better have it seen to afore winter set in and it's too late?"

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The old man was listening with a queer interest. "Francis was a man of ideas and principles."

"I wish you could make Spine see it then, Francis," he said. "He seems to buy the best and get the worst. The man's a fool and always was. Got your bill?"

Francis respectfully produced it, and the squire raised his eyebrows as he went over to the bureau.

"Remarkably reasonable, Francis. Very reasonable indeed."

Francis flicked his forelock with a thanks. The old man took the receipt and then opened the french doors.

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**Magnificent Scene**  
For half an hour we watched the magnificent scene, and then, when the best of the singing was over and the Abbot's procession had retired within the screen, we left the monks to their midnight vigil and went off to bed.

We were awakened by the bells of the monastery ringing with a deafening clangour in honour of St. Vladimir. Although most of the monasteries have beautiful bells they ring them only on feast days of special importance. But now the massive bells of all three churches were sounding, and neither man nor beast could have slept through the noise.

We hurried into our clothes, and made our way to the chapel, where we were present at the most magnificent, as well as longest, service I have ever attended. There was not the romantic charm which the candles of the chandeliers and the lights before the ikons had created the night before, but the decoration of the church with its carpets and thrones was far more elaborate, because now the Bishop was to officiate in person.

Five minutes later he appeared, dressed in a purple robe, with an escort of monks and acolytes. Preceded by incense-bearers he walked to a small dais a few yards from where we stood, and waited there while he was divested of his purple robe. Next the black habit he wore was removed, and he stood in a flowing white garment, with his auburn hair falling thickly on his shoulders. His features were those of a Greek statue, and his beard gave him a truly patriarchal appearance.

**Many Vestment**  
One by one he was invested with the ceremonial garments until over all was laid an ancient gold vestment, embroidered with crowns of gold and embellished with jewelled ornaments. Then upon his head was placed a crown, identical in form with those we had seen in the treasury of Lavra and with the Imperial crown of Russia. He took his staff in his hand, and as he stepped down from the dais the doors of the screen opened and the Abbot, in full regalia, entered with his procession of gold-surplised monks.

During the ceremony of investiture the choir had been smelling themselves. And now the Bishop surprised them all by chanting in a voice which would have done him credit even among professional singers. The Abbot did not enter into this solemnity, but the choir and the Bishop continued for nearly half an hour, until the moment arrived for the procession to retire behind the screen for the celebration of Mass. Through the open doors we could see the Bishop approach the altar and, to the accompaniment of soft singing, lift the Host.

Later, as I watched the long-bearded monks, in simple black, hurrying off to their appointed tasks of cleaning the monastery, I thought that for nobility of expression I had never seen an assembly to equal them. Whether princes or peasants, educated or uneducated, they were all possessed by a feeling of equality before God. They were as humble and hospitable as could be desired. Perhaps it is because they were conscious of being the sole survivors of a world that is destroyed and the last representatives of Holy Russia.

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have to buy to eke the other out, and then as he looked up he became aware of the constable hurrying across the meadow.

"Been lookin' for you every where, Charlie," he said. "I just come back from Ouseland way and I see that man you was inquiren' about drawin' towards Harford. If you hurry up you can't miss catchin' him. Time you get there he'll be just about at the four cross-roads."

Francis waved a tolerant hand. Long experience had taught him wariness and it was not his way to let another guess an inkling of his business.

"Thankie all the same, Fred, but I don't reckon I'll trouble. If he should hap to be a rogue, that ain't his fault. That's the fault of them jolly fools what can't look after themselves."

At the fork of the roads the constable turned the other way, and Francis's steps quickened. Once out of the other's sight, he quickened his walk to a run, and in less than no time he was harnessing the pony. Maybe he might be able to buy two more crates.

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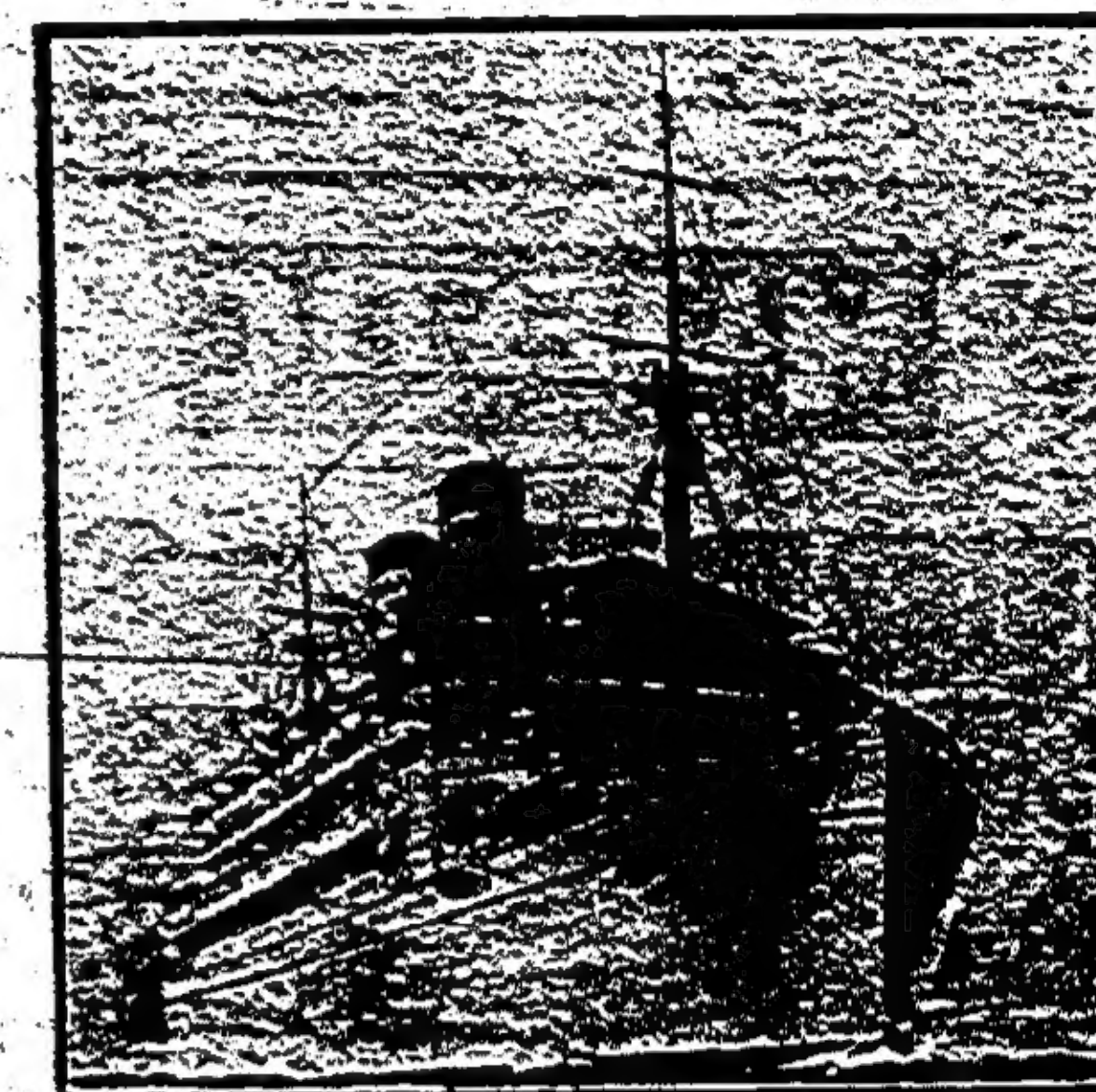
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Noise from the new Reading Aerodrome and aeroplane factory has disturbed the peace of Woodley, a village in Reading, and St. Luke's Home for Sick Children, in the village, has decided to close.

The hospital committee's letter to subscribers states:

"Some years ago a large aerodrome was built immediately adjoining the Home, and now a factory for the manufacture of aeroplanes has been erected.

"The resultant noise has entirely destroyed the amenities of the country and the peace and quiet necessary for the invalid children for whom the Home existed."

"The land has been sold to the aerodrome authorities."



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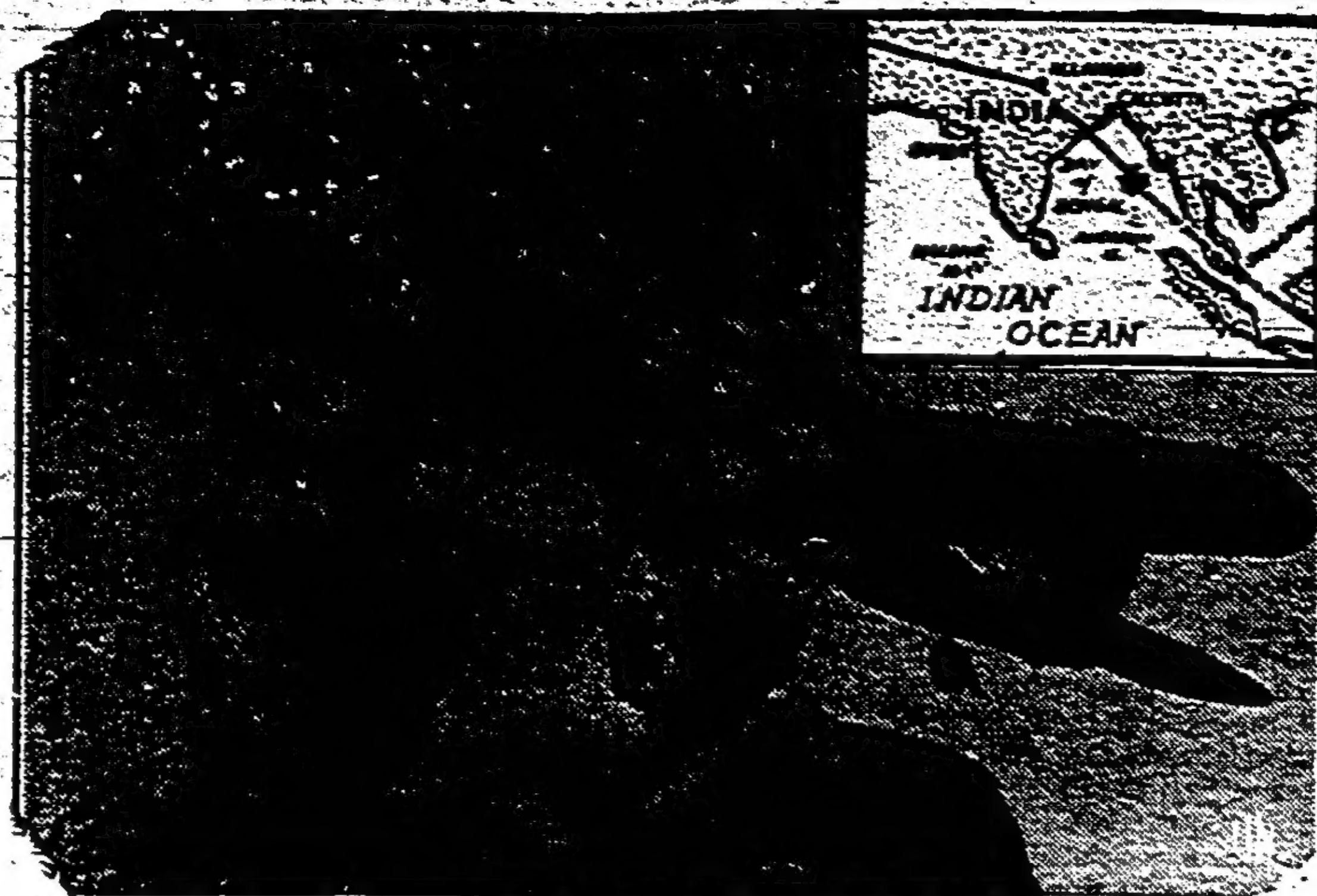
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Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, famous world-girdling flier, shown with his wife, was flying his low-winged "Lady Southern Cross" (above), when last reported over the Bay of Bengal on a flight from England to Australia. The map shows where planes and ships searched for the missing aviator and his co-pilot. A message on Saturday stated that hope had been given up concerning his welfare.

### ECONOMISTS TO MEET

Pending Parley At Canton

#### DISCUSSION OF POLICY

Canton, To-day. The leading economists of China will meet at Canton from December 26 to 28 under the auspices of the Economic Society of China, when monetary, banking and other economic questions will be discussed. A preparation committee was formed on Saturday at a meeting held at Tai Ping Restaurant at North Wing Hon Road. Members of this committee are Mr. Hu Chi-hsien, member of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Professor Ching Hung-ho of Sun Yat-sen University, Dean Lee Tai-she of Kuo Ying-fan University, Mr. Kiang Ting-kai of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. Lin Tien-mu and Mr. Ling Kee of the Provincial Treasury.

The meeting of the Economic Society will be held at the Municipal Reception Building. — Union News.

### FALLING 1,000 FT. BY PARACHUTE

What It Feels Like Recorded

#### DOCTOR'S EXPERIMENT

Chicago, Illinois. Captain Harry G. Armstrong, a doctor in the United States Army, recently jumped from an aeroplane and fell 1,000 feet without opening his parachute in order to study the sensations of a falling man.

This is how he describes them in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Throughout the free fall all conscious mental processes seemed normal, and as soon as the aeroplane was cleared fear and excitement disappeared. Consciousness was unclouded.

"While the eyes were closed all sense of motion was lost. With the eyes open there was a tumbling motion of the body. At an altitude of 1,900 feet the ground was sighted and it was then noticed for the first time that there was a definite sensation of falling."—Reuter.

### THE BOMBING OF DESSIE

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A communique announces that the Italian troops have now retired and are fortifying their line. Aksum-Adowa-Adigrat, with barbed wire and machine-guns every hundred yards. They are evidently expecting an attack, of which the Abyssinian military authorities at Dessie are ignorant.—Reuter.

### CHIANG VIRTUAL DICTATOR

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Under the slogan of "Unity and Co-operation," General Chiang—occurred—these three posts with the tacit approval of all the Kuomintang leaders, including those from Canton.

### GIANT LINER QUEEN MARY TO SAIL ON JUNE 5

Entire Accommodation Booked For Maiden Voyage

The maiden voyage of the s.s. Queen Mary will start from Southampton on June 5, 1936, when the giant liner will clear for New York according to cables received by the Shanghai representative of the Cunard White Star Lines.

The cable also declared that the accommodations for the maiden voyage have all been taken and that it will be impossible for the company to accept any further reservations for that sailing.

### PARIS TALKS PROVE SATISFACTORY

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"Imbued with the same anxiety to arrive as soon as possible at a peaceful and honourable settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, we have worked hard and are satisfied with the results achieved."

#### REQUEST TO DUCE

It is generally assumed that the French and British Governments will request Signor Mussolini to state his demands and intentions without delay, so that they may inform the Committee of Eighteen, which is re-assembling next Thursday, as to the success or failure of their efforts for conciliation.

In the former case the proposed oil embargo would presumably be postponed for the time being, while in the latter case the embargo would probably come into force on January 1. Well-informed circles stress that the French-British formula of conciliation—merely constitutes recommendations, and that the ultimate decision will be left to the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean Service.

#### COMPLETE ACCORD

Paris: Complete accord was reached at the Laval-Hoare conversations. M. Laval, in the conclusion of a statement last evening, said that, animated by the same spirit of reconciliation and pertinent Franco-British friendship, they considered formulae which should serve as the basis for the friendly settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

It must first be submitted for the appreciation of the Governments interested and for the decision of the League. There is no question of making the formulae public at present.

They worked with one and the same desire, to ensure as rapidly as possible a pacific and honourable solution. Both sides were satisfied with the results reached.—Reuter.

### CANTON OFFICIALS FOR SHANGHAI

Departure By Plane Held Up

Canton, To-day. The Douglas Dolphin amphibian of the China National Aviation Corporation took off for Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. yesterday with several local officials on board, but the machine turned back owing to bad weather and poor visibility.

As the weather in the afternoon did not clear up, the plane had to postpone its departure until to-day.—Union News.

### DEATH OF A PRISONER

Coroner's Inquest Held

VERY POOR CONDITION ON ADMITTANCE

Death from natural causes was the verdict returned at the coroner's inquest held at the Central Magistracy this morning to enquire into the circumstances of the death of a prisoner, Li Kni, at the Victoria Gaol Hospital.

Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner and Messrs. Ed. da Souza, (foreman), A. P. Souza and F. H. Farne composed the jury.

Chief Warder R. Barrett said that the deceased prisoner was on November 23 sentenced to one year and six weeks' hard labour, in default of not paying a fine of \$250, and died at the Gaol Hospital yesterday at 1.56 p.m. At noon to-day, in the presence of Dr. Shaw, he identified the body as that of Li Kni. Deceased had not been subjected to hard labour since his admission to gaol.

#### Very Poor Condition

Dr. L. Shaw stated that at noon to-day he performed the post mortem examination on the deceased, Li Kni, aged 40, and found the cause of death to be pulmonary tuberculosis and secondly, heart failure. On admission to prison, he noticed that the deceased was in a very poor physical condition and suffering from tuberculosis and liable to sudden death. Though the man was under sentence of hard labour, this was not enforced. He was admitted to the Hospital on November 29, because his condition was so low. He gradually sank and died yesterday afternoon.

### AIR RAID ON DESSIE

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A bottle was thrown from one of the planes containing a letter addressed to the native population, stating: "Long live Italy! Long live the Duce! Long live the King! We, who carry three colours with the victor's bundle, bring greetings of civilisation from Rome. Give our regards to the Negus and ask him whether he has already eaten his biscuits."

The Abyssinians are extremely angry about the letter, which they intend forwarding to the League of Nations.

At the Abyssinian headquarters hundreds of propaganda leaflets which Ras Gugsa is distributing in the northern districts, urging the inhabitants to rally to his support, have been handed in.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### NAVAL PARLIES IN LONDON

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point committees, following the same lines as the last conference.

The delegates do not expect many formal meetings at Clarence House. Much work is being done by bilateral meetings in the hotels. All the heads of the main delegations have now made contact and exchanged their opening addresses.—Reuter.

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**CHINESE ART EXHIBITION**

**ROYAL PARTY PAYS PRIVATE VISIT**

London, To-day. Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the King of Denmark and the King and Queen of Norway, privately visited the Chinese Art Exhibition yesterday. The Queen and the Royal party, which included the Princess Royal and the Duke and Duchess of Kent, were received by the President of the Royal Academy, Sir William Llewellyn, and also by the Chinese Ambassador.

At the invitation of the Queen, Sir Derek and Lady Koppel and Sir Harry Verney were included in the party, which stayed for an hour and a quarter at the Exhibition, the Queen pointing out many treasures she had noticed on her previous visit.

Expressions of admiration were made on their leaving.—Reuter.

Among the passengers who arrived to-day by the s.s. Tianshan was Mr. George S. T. Wau, the Director of Messrs. Yava Fruit Agency and former editor of the Sin-Pu, the Chinese newspaper in Batavia, Java, who is leaving to-morrow by the same steamer for Soerabaya.

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